



Fire Island National Seashore

Site Supervisor

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Title of Supervisor

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About the Park Site

Ocean beaches, maritime forest, coastal marshes, the Fire Island Light Station, and the William Floyd Estate blend vast recreational opportunities with rich historic and natural resources at Fire Island National Seashore. The 26-mile long National Seashore contains significant natural barrier island features such as the Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness, the only federal wilderness in New York State; and the Sunken Forest, a globally rare 300- year old holly forest.

About the Position

A primary goal of Fire Island National Seashore's Volunteer Program is to nurture and develop new partnerships with local communities in order to enhance participatory stewardship of the park's natural and cultural resources. The Community Volunteer Ambassador (CVA) will help in building partnerships, engaging youth, and welcoming underserved and diverse communities in the stewardship of the park. The intern will also help in volunteer program management to better leverage volunteers to fulfill park needs and to enhance the volunteer experience.

Driving Requirements

The CVA needs to have a driver's license with a clean driving record and access to a personal vehicle. The CVA will need to be able to drive a government vehicle to outreach events, volunteer events and other functions.

Typical Schedule

The CVA will serve five days with two consecutive days off per week. She/he will work most weekends and occasional evenings for special programs. The typical work schedule is 8:30 am - 5 pm.

Ideal Ambassador

Work Ethic and Attitude

The ideal candidate will be enthusiastic and outgoing, creative, eager to make a difference and enjoy working collaboratively with others.

Basic Skills

Basic Skills required:

- Able to articulately inform, instruct, and direct volunteers through written and verbal communication (additional Spanish skills are a plus)
- Able to maintain organized volunteer records, administrative paperwork, calendars, and volunteer schedules; able to multi-task with minimal supervision
- Comfortable with public speaking, able to coordinate groups of people and present about the park to the public/or organizations
- Creative, Strategic, and Resourceful in meeting needs
- Proficient in Microsoft Office and related computer skills (word processing, data entry, searching databases, email, social media, and basic graphic design)

Nearby Attractions and Amenities

In addition to experiencing this iconic coast, New York City is only 1 hour away.

Housing

Park housing is available to the Community Volunteer Ambassador at the Fire Island Lighthouse Dormitory on Fire Island. The living arrangements are communal. The intern would have a private air-conditioned bedroom, but share a kitchen, bathroom and common area with 2-4 other interns and/or park employees.

Relevant Experience

- 1+ years in Customer Service in retail, hospitality (i.e. restaurant, hotel), or tourist attraction setting.
- 1+ years in a leadership or instructional role (formal or informal). I.e. camp counselor, tutor, recreational guide, team captain, etc.)
- 1 year of work or volunteer experience related to natural and/or cultural resource education, conservation, or preservation
- some experience with community outreach/engagement.
- 1 year of combined experience in collaborating with others to reach project/program goals

Preferred Majors

History, Marine Sciences, Natural history, Education,