



Southern Nevada
Conservancy



California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center Interpretive Specialist

Spend 6-18 months in Central Nevada working at the California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center in Elko developing interpretive programs surrounding the California Trail experience and its related themes for the general public. The position will contribute to the appreciation and preservation of historic and cultural sites and work to forge strong community partnerships and enhance sustainable tourism in the region. This is a great opportunity to gain experience in the field of interpretation by helping to establish programs and implement the exhibit plan at this brand new facility.



Compensation:

This is an AmeriCorps position, and candidates will receive a living stipend of **\$8,000 for the 6-month period**. This is not an hourly wage or a salary and is paid to members bi-weekly throughout the 6-month period. Upon completion of AmeriCorps service, members shall receive an additional **education award in the amount of \$2,775** that can be used for paying off student loans, or paying tuition for a Title IV accredited college. This person will also receive a **\$1,300 housing stipend** spread evenly over each six month contract on a monthly basis.

Timeline: The position will begin as soon as March 5, 2012, but applications will be accepted throughout the springtime until the proper candidate is found. The initial position will last approximately 6 months and may be extended for an additional 12-months based on performance evaluations.

Description:

Assist with event planning and day to day operations of the California Trail Interpretive Center including retail sales in the Trail Center bookstore and assistance with exhibit and grounds maintenance. Develop and present formal and informal interpretive programs to a variety of audiences in costume, in first and third person living history, guided walks, and environmental education programs. Assist with volunteer coordination. Assist with graphic design and development of Brochures and site bulletins.



Training: Trail Center staff will provide supervision and interpretive training. Safety, CPR, and First Aid training is mandatory. Training will be provided on the BLM mission and procedures. The opportunity will be available to learn budgeting and procurement. This is a great opportunity to gain experience in all aspects of interpretive center operations starting from the ground up.

Equipment: The Trail Center will provide work space, Internet access, period costumes, and props;

the Trail Center also has a small resource library on-site.

Skills/Qualifications:

Knowledge of, or interest in, American history, historic research, and pioneer skills and crafts. Must be a skilled communicator both orally and in writing with a knowledge of, or interest in, interpretive techniques. Knowledge of graphic design is helpful. Must enjoy working with children and adults. A Criminal Background Check is required for this position.

AmeriCorps Qualifications:

To qualify, you must be over 17 years of age and a US citizen that has received a high school diploma or GED. All offers of employment are conditional upon completion of an acceptable check of the National Sex Offender Public Registry (NSOPR) and federal criminal background check.

To Apply:

Step 1: Click here: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=43451>

Step 2: Click “Apply” then register.

Step 3: Once registered login and complete the application.

Step 4: Click the “Search Listings” link and search under ‘Nevada’ and ‘Environment’.

Step 5: Click on the appropriate position title, then hit the “Apply Now” button at the bottom of the listing.

Please direct all questions regarding the application process to Bridget Walden at bwalden@thegreatbasininstitute.org.

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