



Help Wanted:

Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, Fort Clatsop has an outstanding team of Volunteers in Parks (VIPs). These VIPs assist the park with a wide variety of tasks. These include **greeting and orienting visitors, fee collection, custodial work, conducting tours, invasive plant control, answering visitors' questions, sewing living history clothing, data entry, leading hikes, native plant nursery work, answering phones, designing curriculum, library and inventory projects, archive/collections work, conducting living history and education programs, and special events** (e.g. monthly 3rd Sunday speaker series, spring and fall elk pellet surveys, 2nd Wednesday of July Newfoundland dog event; March, June and September fun runs).

Volunteers may be fingerprinted and undergo background checks. They are encouraged to participate in park training. This includes the annual staff training in June as well as monthly staff safety meetings.

RV sites with 30 amp electricity only (no sewer or water) are available in the park for VIPs with RVs who don't live locally. RV sites at a nearby campground can sometimes be arranged for VIPs with distant homes who are scheduled to work a minimum of three days per week for at least one month as Visitor Information Assistants.

If you are interested in applying to be a Fort Clatsop VIP please read some sample job descriptions below or at www.volunteer.gov and complete the application there; or send your completed application with your resume to Volunteer Program Manager, Lewis and Clark NHP, 92343 Fort Clatsop Rd., Astoria, Oregon 97103. You can learn more about the National Park Service's volunteer program at www.nps.gov/volunteer



- **Custodial Assistant:** Assist staff with cleaning buildings, recycling, sweeping sidewalks, and the daily opening of parking lots and trailheads. This work starts early each day and occurs year round.
- **Education Assistant:** Assist rangers with organizing school groups and conducting activities with school children. Share lessons relating to the Lewis and Clark Expedition with education groups visiting the park. Assist with the park's traveling trunk and video loan programs. This work occurs mostly in the spring and fall of each year on weekdays. This position is for local volunteers or those willing to use the park's volunteer RV sites.
- **Living History Assistant:** Assist rangers with safe costumed interpretation of early 19th century skills e.g. quill pen writing, hide tanning, rendering, making tallow candles, flint and steel fire starting, or flintlock firing. This work occurs on spring weekdays, all summer and Christmas break. This opportunity is for local volunteers or those willing to use the park's volunteer RV sites.
- **Resource Assistant:** Assist with library projects, or native plant nursery work, and occasional work parties for an elk pellet study or re-vegetation projects. This work occurs all year. This position is for local volunteers as there is no housing.
- **Trail Patrol Assistant:** Assist staff with trail patrolling and light trail maintenance. This work occurs all year. This position is for local volunteers as there is no housing.
- **Visitor Information Assistant:** Greet and orient visitors, collect admission fees, & answer questions about the area including the winter the Lewis and Clark Expedition camped at Fort Clatsop as well as give tours to tour groups. Help with the daily opening and closing of the visitor center and fort. This work occurs all year.