

Become a Trails and Rails Program Volunteer



Trails and Rails Volunteer Program

- Is a nationwide program sponsored by Amtrak and the National Park Service aboard select Amtrak trains.
- Volunteers answer passenger questions, give directions, and provide an educational experience to Amtrak passengers of all ages and backgrounds.

Lincoln Home National Historic Site's program

- Volunteers provide educational talks and a "show and tell" program on the Lincoln Service train 302 to Chicago Union Station and from Chicago Union Station back to Springfield on the Texas Eagle train 21 Superliner.
- The program operates on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, & Mondays from May 18 through September 3; on Saturdays and Sundays from September 8 through November 18.
- Each train trip begins at 7:45 a.m. at the Springfield Amtrak station and ends when the Texas Eagle returns to Springfield around 5:30 p.m.

Meals

- Volunteers are provided one meal, free parking, and free train fare.

Uniform

- Volunteers are provided with a uniform shirt; volunteers provide their own khaki or tan trousers or skirt, black or brown belt, socks, and heeled shoes.

Number of Trips

- Volunteers make two or more trips per month, after their four training trips.

Training

- The training consists of about 16-24 hours of self-study and 16 hours of classroom training. Onboard training with an experienced volunteer and periodic in-service training sessions are provided to enhance skills.

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This will be the most challenging, yet most rewarding volunteer opportunity you will have.