

CONSERVANCY

for CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

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Position Announcement **VISTA Youth Engagement Coordinator**

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Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is a non-profit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. The Conservancy and the National Park Service (NPS) work in partnership to manage the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center (CVEEC). Programs at CVEEC are designed to educate and inspire youth and adults in a 500 acre natural setting. Offerings at the center include a four-day, three-night educational experience for fourth through eighth grades; day programs for preschool, elementary, and secondary school classes offered in the park and at area schools; and weekend retreats for educational and community groups. For more information on the Conservancy, go to www.conservancyforcvnp.org.

Position Description, Essential Duties (other duties as assigned):

This AmeriCorps VISTA position offered through the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center will be responsible for researching best practices for recruiting staff of diverse backgrounds and researching best management practices in organizations that provide successful pathways to careers in environmental fields for youth from low-income backgrounds. In addition to best management practice research, duties will include evaluating outcomes from CVEEC current programming, including the Summer Environmental Education Academy Summer 2014. Position will include developing strategies to engage low-income high school students in youth employment opportunities and career and college-readiness programs within the park, including, but not limited to developing continued engagement for students involved with the summer academy. Duties will include working with community organizations to develop partnerships in developing youth engagement programs. Grant writing and/or finding funding sources to support program development will be required.

Minimum Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree required. Must be a US Citizen, National, or Lawful Permanent Resident. Applicant must demonstrate a commitment to community service and have an interest in youth development issues. Background/fingerprint check must be completed prior to start date.

Pay / Hours / Term:

November 2014 – September 2015. A weekly stipend of \$250 is provided. Furnished housing including utilities and meals when resident schools are on campus will be provided. Additional benefits available from Americorps VISTA. Please visit the following link for more details:

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=54042&fromSearch=true>

To Apply:

Send cover letter and resume to apply@forcvnp.org, with the subject line reading "VISTA Youth Engagement Coordinator".

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