

Volunteers In Parks

Job Description Sheet

Volunteers In Parks (VIP) can assist the National Park Service in many ways including visitor center operations, resource management projects, research work, historic and natural history programs, clerical assistance, historic restoration, park maintenance, and more.

**Job Title: Education Program Presenter or Assistant,
Fort Smith National Historic Site**

Job Description:

During the summer and periodically throughout the year, the park offers a variety of educational programs to children. Due to high demand of these programs, the park needs Education Program Presenters and Assistants to assist in providing quality educational experiences for area children. The VIP will conduct various educational programs throughout the park, including classroom sessions & living history demonstrations throughout the park grounds.

Skills Needed / Preferred:

- public speaking
- walking
- flexibility for various types and ages of children, weather conditions, & schedules

Goals / Outcomes of Job:

Provide a fun and educational experience for children, helping them understand the significance of Fort Smith, along with other park themes.

Benefits to Volunteers (note training if applicable):

Ability to work with students; strengthen communication skills; learn Fort Smith's story. Education program and interpretive training provided. In addition, safety training, VIP uniform and period costuming provided.

Number of volunteers needed: Numbers Vary

Location of Position:	Supervisor:	VIP Coordinator	Phone Number:
Visitor Center and Park Grounds	Pat Schmidt	Cody Faber	479-783-3961

Firearms in the Park:

Under 43 C.F.R. § 20.511, Departmental volunteers in the course of their official duties are prohibited from possessing firearms on property under control of the Department. Because of the stated purpose of the sponsors of Section 512 to provide uniformity under applicable state law from bureau-to-bureau, the potential liability issues that could result, and the absence of any criminal penalties applicable to this regulation, this Departmental policy continues to apply to all NPS/FWS employees and volunteers during their official duties. Volunteers who are not on official duty may possess firearms on Departmental lands under the same conditions applicable to members of the general public, according to P.L. 111-24, Section 512. For this purpose, volunteers are considered the same as other employees when engaged in their official activities.