

Volunteers In Parks

Job Description Sheet

Volunteers can assist the National Park Service in many ways including visitor center operations, research work, historic and natural history programs, clerical assistance, historic restoration, park maintenance, and more.

Job Title: Photographer
Fort Smith National Historic Site

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The park consists of 37 acres, both wooded & open, with multiple buildings and includes much natural and cultural beauty. In order to promote stewardship and appreciation of the importance of Fort Smith's beauty, it is important to record these images for future generations. For this reason there is a need for a VIP Photographer. This VIP can work capturing images of Fort Smith's natural and cultural beauty. The VIP may also work documenting park programs offered by staff and other VIPs.

Skills Needed / Preferred:

- working knowledge of cameras and their usage
- ability to be self-directed and to complete assigned tasks
- working outdoors in a variety of weather conditions

Goals / Outcomes of Job:

Helping to record images of Fort Smith in order to preserve the current record of stewardship as well as the park's natural beauty.

Benefits to Volunteers (note training if applicable):

Gain experience with the National Park Service and cameras; Ability to "give back" to the National Park Service; opportunity to stay fit by conducting various light duties. Official VIP uniform provided.

Safety Notice:

Photographer VIPs will be working outdoors in a variety of weather conditions, including hot & sunny days as well as cold. There is potential for excessive exposure to sun and dehydrations, so the VIP must take precautions, including sunscreen, a hat, and limited time in the sun. Other safety hazards include snakes, ticks, chiggers, mosquitoes, poison ivy, and briars. Please use common sense, take every precaution, and keep yourself safe. When working with living history it is important to be safe in keeping a proper distance during historic weapons firings and/or wearing the proper clothing if proximity is an issue.

**Any pictures taken while acting as a VIP become property of the Fort Smith NHS. Rights Reserved.

Number of volunteers needed: Varies

Minimum Commitment:

This position may be requested throughout the calendar year.

Location of Position:	Supervisor:	VIP Coordinator	Phone Number:
Park wide	Cody Faber	Cody Faber	479-783-3961

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