

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 present a program 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 302 train from Springfield, IL to Chicago, IL, and on the Texas Eagle 21 train from Chicago, IL back to Springfield, IL.

The 2015 program operates on Saturdays and Sundays from May 9-17 and September 12-October 31, and on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from May 22-September 7.

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 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 one or more trips per month, after their four training trips.

Training

The training consists of about 16-24 hours of self-study, 16 hours of classroom training, periodic in-service training, and 4 training trips onboard Amtrak.

Contact People

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