



IVIP from Panama participating in *ParkFlight* Migratory Bird Program at Bandelier National Monument.

The National Park Service is recruiting international volunteers with a passion for the protection of natural and cultural resources in the U.S. and in their home countries.

NPS international volunteers have many opportunities to participate in challenging training. The volunteer pictured above participated in an NPS International Volunteers-In-Parks (IVIP) Program with the *ParkFlight* migratory bird program which works to protect birds in the United States and Latin America. NPS international volunteers from Latin America are placed in national parks, which have *ParkFlight*/IVIP positions. Participants learn about bird monitoring and interpretive educational techniques. *ParkFlight* is one of the many exciting volunteer programs available to IVIPs.

The National Park Service is authorized by the U.S. Department of State to host international volunteers in the NPS International Volunteers-in-Parks (IVIP) Program. All NPS international volunteers must be approved through the NPS Office of International Affairs. Interested individuals should submit a program application (available at the OIA website listed on the back cover) and a CV/resume to the IVIP coordinator.



IVIP from Austria training in natural resource management at Olympic National Park.

National Park Service Seeks International Volunteers!

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NPS International Volunteers-In-Parks Program



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International Volunteers
for the U.S. National
Parks!**



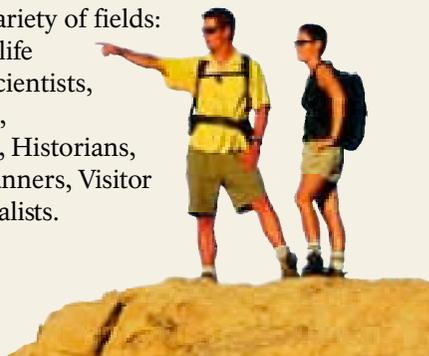
IVIP from Nicaragua at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park leading a nature hike.

NPS International Volunteer-in-Parks Program (IVIP):

The National Park Service (NPS) was created in 1916 with the mission to preserve and protect the natural and cultural resources of the United States. As a leader in the management of protected areas, the NPS believes in sharing this mission with the world. To facilitate this goal the International Volunteers-in-Parks Program (IVIP) coordinates volunteer training programs for foreign students and park professionals at U.S. national parks. International volunteers, called “IVIPs,” live in or near a national park unit, train with park rangers and other park professionals, and gain practical experience in a variety of natural or cultural resource fields. IVIP programs are unpaid and may be from 1 to 12 months in length. IVIPs bring unique perspectives to challenges facing U.S. national parks. As threats to national parks cross our borders and become increasingly global, it is in U.S. interests to train a cadre of young park managers who will return home prepared to confront similar threats in their own countries.

Who can be an NPS IVIP ?

- Students of: Park Management, Environmental Science, Forestry, Biology, Ecology, History, Archaeology, Historic Preservation and many other fields.
- Professionals in a variety of fields: Park Rangers, Wildlife Managers, Social Scientists, Museum Managers, Scientists, Teachers, Historians, Architects, Park Planners, Visitor Management Specialists.
- You !



Examples of IVIP Training Programs:

- Search and Rescue
- Natural Resource Management
- Cultural Resource Management
- Environmental Education
- Wildlife Management
- Historic Preservation
- Invasive Species Management
- GPS/GIS Mapping
- Museum Management
- Interpretation (Public Education)
- Concessions Management
- Wilderness Management

Benefits of being an NPS IVIP:

- Gain practical experience to further your career.
- Live and train in a unique area of the U.S.
- Gain knowledge of NPS best practices.
- Improve English language skills.
- University credit (certain restrictions apply.)



Requirements for Participation: All NPS International Volunteers-in-Parks Must:

- Speak English.
- Be at least 18 years old.
- Have funds to pay for all travel and other expenses incurred during volunteer program.
- Comply with all U.S. Government visa regulations and policies.
- Have medical insurance coverage in the U.S.
- Agree to return home, after program ends.



Slovakian IVIP at Olympic National Park.

Where You Will Train:

The National Park Service manages over 380 units across the United States and many accept international volunteers. Each NPS unit protects nationally significant natural or cultural resources. There are over twenty different park designations including national battlefields, national historic sites, national scenic trails, and national seashores. Whether your interest is in protecting wilderness, wildlife, or cultural resources the NPS has a place for you.



Volunteer with the NPS!