



Education VIP

Overview

President's Park, which includes the park lands surrounding the White House, is composed of approximately 60 acres and is home for many significant statues, memorials and structures. The four main sections of the park outside the White House grounds are: the vast open parade ground known as the Ellipse; the First Division Monument, honoring the heroism of the soldiers of the First Division of the American Expeditionary Forces; Sherman Park, where the famous general once reviewed his troops returning from the Civil War; and Lafayette Park – home to statues honoring five heroes of American history, and for over a hundred years, the location for First Amendment activities.

Opportunity Description

Resource Education Volunteers perform roving interpretation along park trails and at viewpoints; they: research, develop and present guided walks and programs; educate visitors about the history and cultural resources of President's Park; and/or assist with education programs.

Required Skills

- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- The ability to work with a diverse community of people alongside with park personnel
- Enjoy interacting with a broad range of people
- Friendly, courteous, reliable
- Ability to work independently
- General knowledge of American History, and park natural & cultural resources
- Desire and ability to work outdoors, at times in inclement weather
- CPR and First Aid Trained (training can be provided)
- Ability to operate audio/visual equipment and other media after training.
- You will be required to wear an official National Park Service Volunteer uniform that will be provided to you.

Benefits

Volunteers receive training in NPS mission and policies, and in President's Park and White House history. They have the opportunity to meet visitors from all over the world, receive a unique perspective on special events relating to the White House, and enjoy the natural and cultural resources of President's Park, the centerpiece of our American story.

Minimum Age

Participants must be over 18 years of age.

Length of Service

Minimum commitment of 4 months.

Work Schedule

As needed.

Lodging

President's Park does not offer housing.

Application Material

Please submit the following to Barbara Brundage, Volunteer Coordinator at Barbara_Brundage@nps.gov:

- Cover letter referencing the title of the position for which you are applying and dates of availability
- Volunteer application and resume (optional)