

Park Host/ Maintenance

Overview

Volunteer Park Hosts (Maintenance) play vital role for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As a Park Host you are a part of a team that includes Volunteers, Service Contractors, Park Rangers, Management and Administration. This team works together to conserve our national recreation resources and keep these valuable areas available to the public. In some cases, volunteers are the only contact the public has with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Park Hosts are long term volunteers who make extended stays (usually 3+ months) at campgrounds located in scenic areas as a part of the project team. A choice campsite is reserved at no charge for these volunteers during their commitment to a project.

Primary Responsibilities

Upkeep of park facilities such as: bath houses, play grounds, campsites, trails and natural areas. This requires cleaning and inspection of facilities for repair needs, repairing facilities, mowing, weed eating, and other environmental conservation techniques.

Secondary Responsibilities

Create temporary community through fostering of communication between park visitors and personnel. Keep our parks friendly places for outdoor recreation and socialization. Provide valuable information on how to improve our parks by maintaining open communication with Rangers and Managers, passing on ideas for improvement gathered during daily contact with visitors.

Minimum Qualifications

- Desire to work (min 20 hours/week) and live in natural outdoor setting, with your own RV
- Desire to meet and interact with persons from varied backgrounds.
- Cognitive and verbal ability to answer visitor questions and communicate with other park personnel.
- Physical ability to operate mowing and maintenance machinery lifting and carrying 30 lbs for 100 feet (position may require extended periods in the outdoors during adverse conditions such as heat, cold or rain.)
- Visually able to spot safety hazards and take prompt appropriate action to correct in accordance with training provided.

Desired Experience

- Landscaping, planting and care of flowers or other small plants
- Natural resource conservation or trail work
- Custodial work (cleaning, painting, light repairs)
- Mechanical Skills to maintain equipment
- Plumbing and electrical experience
- Previous RV Experience