



Friends of the Inyo Hiring for 2024 **Summer Trail Ambassadors**

Position Description:

Friends of the Inyo's Trail Ambassadors (TAs) support the Inyo, Sierra, & Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests and other partners by providing positive public service, outreach, interpretation, and trail maintenance on popular hiking trails. The TAs will walk with a smile and carry their shovels and crosscut saws like a banner on trails throughout the Inyo, Sierra, & Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests, from Lone Pine to Bridgeport.

Ideal candidates will be self-driven, enthusiastic, outgoing, and affable with the public, with knowledge and passion for the topography, history, and many "-ologies" of the Eastern Sierra.

With our large working area, we are open and looking for applicants residing or willing to reside in the following areas: Lone Pine, Independence, Big Pine, Bishop, Mammoth Lakes, June Lake, Lee Vining, Bridgeport, and the many small communities in between.

Work will consist of light trail maintenance, interpretation, public outreach, and coordination of volunteer service projects, including the following tasks:

- Trail maintenance and improvement in wilderness and front country areas, including work with hand tools, rock and wood, and a variety of topographies
 - Conduct work in Wilderness with minimal impacts on the surrounding ecosystem
 - Using handheld GPS and GIS technology
 - Developing and leading guided interpretive activities
 - Engaging and communicating with members of the public
 - Managing and working with volunteer groups of all ages
 - Performing demanding physical work in a variety of weather conditions
 - Supporting and working with the Inyo, Sierra, & Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests
 - Working as a team or individually in isolated, remote areas
 - Backpacking or camping remotely for multiple days

Trail Ambassadors will report to and be supervised by the Stewardship Director, who in turn reports to the Executive Director.



Required Qualifications:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must possess a valid U.S. driver's license with a clean driving record
- Must possess a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent
- Must have no felony convictions
- Must have at least one season of experience maintaining trails or similar work
- Must possess current Wilderness First Aid and CPR certifications, with preference given to individuals with a Wilderness First Responder
 - Must be able to communicate effectively and respectfully with diverse audiences
 - Must be comfortable with remote off-road mountain travel for extended periods of time

Desired Skills:

- Ability to perform demanding physical labor for up to 6 hours a day
- Ability to lift more than 50 lbs regularly and for sustained periods
- Certified in Crosscut B-bucking
- Experience working with volunteers
- Experience working with youths
- Experience developing and providing interpretive activities
- Experience working with a non-profit
- Experience camping in front and backcountry settings for extended periods of time
- Experience engaging with Indigenous communities a plus
- English-Spanish bilingual skills a plus
- Ability to operate handheld GPS technology

Friends of the Inyo is committed to creating and fostering a diverse work environment and is proud to be an equal-opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status. We invite any and all interested parties to apply.

To apply for this position please submit a resume and cover letter no later than 5PM on Friday, April 12th, 2024, to the Stewardship Director, Lindsay@friendsoftheinyo.org.

Compensation: \$20/hr + overnight per diem + \$200 gear stipend