

**Manzanar National Historic Site  
Visitor Services Intern  
Independence, California  
Summer 2019 (8 Week Term)**



**About Northwest Youth Corps (NYC):**

[Northwest Youth Corps](#) was created in 1984 to offer teenagers an education-based, work experience modeled after the historic Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's. Today, we serve over 1,000 youth each year across a four state region who restore critical habitat, build trails, lead volunteers, educate youth, and respond to local and national disasters.

**About Manzanar National Historic Site:**

In February 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order that moved nearly 120,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans into 10 isolated war relocation centers in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming. These temporary, tar paper-covered barracks, the guard towers, and most of the barbed-wire fences are gone now, but the people who spent years of their lives in the centers will never forget them. Located outside Independence, CA, [Manzanar NHS](#) was one of these sites and preserves this story today.

**Program Benefits:**

- NYC will provide the selected intern a prorated stipend of \$2,400 along with worker compensation coverage
- The intern will also have \$2,250 for to cover housing expenses
- Park housing will not be provided

**Position Requirements:**

- Prior interpretative experience is preferred
- Prior knowledge of the history of Japanese American internment is preferred

**Position Summary:**

The intern greets visitors on-site, orients the visitor to the site/area resources and stories. The intern might provide informal and formal programs to visitors, and assist with special events. The intern provides professional, courteous, and efficient services, useful and helpful information to park staff, visitors and other volunteers. The intern may also assist with other projects such as historical research and other projects.

The duties will include:

- Providing visitors with information and stories about Manzanar's layers of history.
- Seeking out answers to visitor questions by utilizing National Park employees, written materials, photographs, oral history interviews, former incarcerated, websites, etc.
- Roving site and answers visitor questions.

- Assisting with tracking and stocking publications and brochures.
- Assisting with Interpretive duties as assigned.
- Supporting Manzanar's programs and projects as needed.
- Assisting with planning and review of publications, exhibits, etc. as needed.

The intern will work with NPS staff and Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association employees.

**Community Information:**

Independence, California is located on Route 395 in Owens Valley of central California. Abundant adventure opportunities surround the small town, including Death Valley National Park, Inyo National Forest, Kings Canyon National Park, Sequoia National Park, and Sequoia National Forest. Bishop, CA, a town of approximately 4000 people is located just north of Independence, offering shopping, world-class rock climbing, and a rich history.

**Application Instructions:**

To apply, please create a profile and fill out all application forms on the [application portal](#). When submitting your application, please be sure to upload a copy of your cover letter, resume, and contact information for at least 3 references. **Within your cover letter, please discuss any prior knowledge surrounding the Japanese American internment, how this internship will further your career goals, and any Asian American community involvement and leadership. Please also specify which internship site(s) you are interested in, i.e. "Manzanar National Historical Site".**

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

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