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### Traditional Trades Advancement Program (TTAP) Member- Chickasaw National Recreation Area

#### Summary

American Conservation Experience, a nonprofit Conservation Corps, in partnership with the National Park Service is seeking 2 Traditional Trades Advancement Program (TTAP) Members to contribute to a variety of historic preservation projects alongside Chickasaw National Recreation Area maintenance staff.

These opportunities are intended for enthusiastic individuals who possess an interest in gaining experience in the field of historic preservation. **No** background or previous experience in construction or historic preservation required. Training for all tools and activities will be provided by park staff professionals.

Persons that identify as **Native American, Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian, and/or Alaska Native** are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information about ACE, please visit: [www.usaconservation.org](http://www.usaconservation.org).

For more information about TTAP, please visit  
<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1098/traditional-trades-apprenticeship-program.htm>.

**Start Date:** 4/3/2023 (may be flexible)

**Estimated End Date:** 9/30/2023 (or 26 weeks after start date)

*\*a 26-week minimum commitment is required \**

**Location Details/Description:** Located in Southern Oklahoma, tradition touches the present at Chickasaw National Recreation Area. First Native Americans, and then early settlers of the surrounding plains, sought recreation here. Summer weekends still find family reunions picnicking at favorite spots. Some have returned every year for more than half a century. Chickasaw National Recreation Area also has a diversity of natural resources. Its unique flora, fauna, waters, and geological formations have withstood the external pressures of human-made and natural pressures. The combination of these resources has created an area unlike any other in the surrounding region.

Located just outside of Sulphur, Oklahoma, there is easy access to plenty of amenities, including gas, groceries, restaurants, a hospital, and more.

For more information about Chickasaw National Recreation Area please visit <https://www.nps.gov/chic>

**Position Overview:** Members will work closely with park maintenance and trails under the Buildings, Utilities, and Grounds crew. Members will gain insight into the basic principles of historic preservation and learn the methods of assessing and documenting the overall integrity and conditions of the historic structures. Members will work alongside and under the direction of highly skilled and seasoned preservationists. Members will work in support of building maintenance and trail projects to preserve historic sites and structures throughout the national park. Projects will include Rehabilitation of Historic Stonework at the 12th Street Entrance, learning plumbing techniques, installing cedar shingles, and assisting in the care and feeding of the bison herd. Members will participate in nearly every aspect of maintenance operations, including but not limited to general operations, project documentation, painting, carpentry, masonry, and teamwork. Leadership will be provided by NPS staff.

This individual placement is meant to facilitate professional development and promotes exposure to land management agencies and networking with professionals. This could include gaining experience in different conservation fields and shadowing different work groups.

**Schedule:** Monday-Friday 7:00am-3:30pm (may be subject to change)

### **Position Benefits**

**Living Allowance:** The ACE Member is expected to contribute ~40 hours/week and will receive a living allowance of \$720/week to offset the costs of food and incidental expenses, dispersed bi-weekly.

**Public Land Corps Hiring Authority:** Members serving under this agreement may be eligible for a federal hiring authority upon completion of their term of service. PLC projects also include specific eligibility requirements such as age and citizenship. Please contact ACE staff with questions about eligibility, or view general information online [here](#).

**Housing:** Park housing may be provided for ACE Members located outside of the commuting area or for whom commuting is impractical.

**Provided Training/Orientation:** ACE members will receive position specific training and an orientation outlining ACE policies and procedures, clear guidance on prohibited activities, and networks for support. Specific training may include OSHA Certification and Historic Preservation Fundamentals courses.

### **Qualifications**

*Required:*

- Members must be a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident, as required by U.S. government contracts
- Willing and able to represent ACE and the partner organization in a professional, positive, and enthusiastic manner.
- Ability to be both self-directed/work alone, and be a positive, contributing member of a group.
- A current and valid form of ID (will be required to provide copies of ID's upon hiring)
- Willing to undergo and must pass the required two-part criminal history check.
- Ability to perform the essential duties of the position with or without reasonable accommodation.
- ACE Members must verify that they are fully vaccinated for Covid-19 or have requested and been granted a medical or religious exemption to vaccination by the time they start their term.
- ACE Members will need to complete bi-weekly timesheets, beginning of term feedback forms, end of term evaluations and for longer terms, a mid-term evaluation.
- To learn more about eligibility requirements, please visit our website [here](#).

*Preferred:*

- Competitive applicants for this position can hold or be pursuing a minimum of a high school diploma and/or have relevant experience in subject areas such as construction trades, use of hand and power tools.
- Knowledge of one or more trade practices, such as masonry, carpentry, roofing, mechanics, and/or painting.
- Familiarity with construction and craftsmanship.
- Basic familiarity with common factors in deterioration of buildings and structures.
- Ability and willingness to use and care for common hand tools and portable or stationary power tools associated with the trade (e.g., hammers, saws, drills, planers, etc.)
- Deep interest in preserving history.
- A career interest in building trade skills and/or historic preservation.

**Physical Demands, Work Environment and Working Conditions:**

- *Physical Demands:* Requires frequent sitting, standing, walking, hiking, carrying, using hands to handle or feel, reaching with hands and arms, and communicating with team members. Manual dexterity required for use of various tools, computer keyboard/mouse and other office equipment. Required to stoop, kneel, climb stairs, and/or crouch. Ability to hike over rough terrain.
- *Vision Requirements:* Requires close, distance, peripheral and depth perception vision as well as the ability to focus.
- *Weight Lifted or Force Exerted:* ability to move and/or lift up to 50 pounds.
- *Environmental:* Outdoor and indoor conditions. Work environment conditions can change frequently; working under adverse weather conditions and in temperatures ranging from 30 to 110 degrees Fahrenheit.
- *Noise Environment:* Moderate to high noise such as gas-powered chainsaws and other hand and power tools.

**Environmental Conditions/Hazards:** The ACE member(s) may encounter environmental conditions/hazards including extreme heat or cold, rocky terrain, swamp or wetland conditions, biting insects, and potentially dangerous wildlife. The member is expected to conduct duties in a safe and orderly manner so as not to endanger self, fellow staff/members or resources.

**Vehicle and Equipment Use/Safety:** If a vehicle is required for the accomplishment of the duties, one will be provided by the NPS or ACE. Any tools required for the accomplishment of the duties will be provided by the NPS. Use of personal protective equipment (PPE), typically provided by the NPS, will be mandatory for any activity that requires it. Strict adherence to NPS and ACE equipment training, certification and safety protocols is required.

**To Apply:** Please submit your resume, a cover letter demonstrating your interest and experience, and contact information for three professional/academic references to the online application page for this position here: <https://usaconservation.applicantpool.com/jobs/>. Early consideration will be given as resumes are received. This position may close at any time. If you have any questions regarding this position please feel free to contact ACE EPIC Member Coordinator, Bianca Wahkinney at [bwahkinney@usaconservation.org](mailto:bwahkinney@usaconservation.org).

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