



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What volunteer opportunities are offered?

CVSR is a 501(c)(3) organization supported in every capacity by volunteers. Volunteers are used in our café car, as servers and trainmen, conductors, engineer, brakeman, assistant conductors, maintenance/mechanical, office support.

What if I have no railroad experience? Can I still volunteer? Is training provided?

Most of our volunteers have no prior railroad experience. All volunteers are required to attend an orientation that covers the history of the railroad, what events are offered, where stations are located, how to find and sign up for positions, and how to record volunteer hours. Trainee positions are offered for trainman, concessionaire and servers. On-the-job training is provided for all positions.

What is the time commitment?

The commitment of time varies depending on the position and event. Trainmen/women usually sign up for a 5-hour shift; server shifts can vary from 3 to 5 hours; maintenance volunteers usually can set their own schedules depending on the project.

What are the costs involved?

There is no cost to join the CVSR volunteer association.

Am I required to purchase a uniform?

Some positions do require that the volunteer wear a uniform: a white collared button-down shirt, black clip on tie and slacks, and black shoes with a well-defined heel, for trainmen and servers. Trainmen will add to their uniform a black suit jacket. Concessionaires wear a CVSR logo'd shirt with jeans, black or khaki slacks, and comfortable closed-toe shoes.

What if I have a full-time job?

Volunteer positions are available on the weekend as well as during the week. You can set your own schedule.

I understand that my volunteer hours count for National Park Service Volunteer efforts, what does this mean? There are a number of benefits for volunteers on the Railroad. You will receive a gold volunteer name badge from the NPS after serving for 250 hours. You also become eligible for a NPS pass good for 12 months after pick-up. The NPS also invites you to their events and you will receive an email newsletter each month. Quarterly recognition at a Conservancy for CVNP-sponsored event.

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How do I keep up with the railroad's activities?

There are weekly email announcements sent to all volunteers. CVSR also maintains links on most social media. You are invited to attend the CVSR Volunteer Association meeting on the second Monday of each month (except January and December) at 7 pm at Happy Days Lodge, 500 West Streetsboro Road, Peninsula. Beginning in February 2020 the month meeting will be held at the Days Inn, Richfield.

When I have a question who do I contact?

Sherri Lemley, Manager of Trustee and Volunteer Relations is the person to contact for general information, [234/759-0091](tel:2347590091), slemley@cvsr.com.

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