



## Heritage Culturalist Program – Volunteer Job Description

**The Heritage Culturalist Program (HCP)** is a volunteer ambassador program that trains volunteers as certified experts in the rich history and recreation opportunities of the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area (CALA) and encourages volunteers to contribute to historic preservation through documentation and interpretation of the CALA for the public. The program features a multi-day training with interactive presentations by local history, preservation, and interpretation experts; field learning experiences at selected historical sites; instruction in the National Park Service Heritage Documentation Program; and, heritage interpretation.

### Qualifications

- Must be 18 years of age or older when training starts. Those under 18 must have parent/guardian signed permission
- Must pass a background check
- Be available for training and documentation sessions
- Be enthusiastic about conveying the history and recreation opportunities located within the CALA to the public

### Certification Requirements

#### Initial Certification

- Complete mandatory training (approximately 18 hours over three days) including all classroom and outdoor field learning sessions (see Training Program Description).
- As a group member, complete written and photographic documentation of a historical site to create or enhance Poudre Heritage Alliance (PHA) digital resources. Submit documentation for determination regarding if the site is eligible for archiving through the National Park Service Heritage Documentation Program. Work must be completed 5-6 weeks following the training.
- As an individual, complete either: 1) an Outreach Visit (i.e., evaluate the knowledge and visibility of a PHA partner organization Heritage Area); 2) a Wayside Walk (i.e., locate and evaluate the condition and content of four wayside interpretive signs); or, 3) Employee Wellness Program (i.e., complete one route on the Poudre River Trail following program guidelines). Work must be completed 5-6 weeks following the training.

#### Maintaining Certification

- Regularly communicate with the PHA Program Manager and report volunteer hours.
- Attend at least one qualified continuing education program, field trip, or workshop per year.
- Agree to volunteer at least 40 hours with CALA over two years.
- Volunteer Opportunities may Include:
  - Working PHA Events or partner events
  - Presenting to community groups, tourists, and visitors
  - Participating in new training programs
  - Attending field trips to interpret information
  - Establishing and managing points of interest in the Heritage Area
  - Creating content for PHA digital resources

### Benefits

- Gain knowledge of the history of the Cache la Poudre River and the surrounding watershed
- Connect with people who have similar interests
- Assist visitors in their understanding and appreciation the CALA's rich history, recreational resources, and events
- Obtain a gratifying volunteer experience while furthering the vision of the CALA and the mission of the PHA

### Information

Please contact the Program Manager at Poudre Heritage Alliance at 970-295-4851 or [programs@poudreheritage.org](mailto:programs@poudreheritage.org)