

# Indiana Dunes National Park Volunteer Service Description

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## Artist-in-Residence

### Position Overview

The role of the Artist-in-Residence is to support the park's mission by enhancing interpretive themes through artistic translations, to deepen the visitor experience through an artistic connection, increase awareness of the park's history and preservation, and provide evidence of inspiration within the park.

### Minimum Commitment

- 32 hours per week for two weeks
- Artists typically complete their two-week residence during May - September

### Goal / Outcome of Job:

- The Artist-in-Residence will be working 32 hours a week in support of the Interpretive and Education Division. They will report to the Visual Information Specialist.

### Duties

- The artist will spend a minimum of 32 hours each week engaged in the park seeking inspiration for their medium.
- They will explore the park and share their experiences in an artistic form. While observing, making notes, or working, they will engage visitors with what they are doing.
- They'll share how the park inspires them as artists and explain the long legacy of artistic inspiration generated by the Dunes.
- They may even encourage visitors to explore expressions of their own inspiration through art or appropriate service.
- The volunteer may participate with programs, events, and opportunities of the division during their volunteer time, seeking ways to share their experience with park visitors.
- The artist will provide their own materials to create their art and, at the end of their stay, will provide the park with one original piece of work.
- The volunteer will follow park regulations, taking care not to have a negative impact on park resources.
- Check in with Visual Information Specialist, Dispatch, Headquarter Staff, Volunteer Coordinator, and Visitor Center
- Explore and research the park's history and landscapes
- Gather research notes, photos, sketches, and studies
- Depict inspirational themes through an artistic medium (painting, sculpture, music, poetry, etc.).
- Document their experiences in the park

- Informally interact with public and reflect on the interpretive themes, especially inspiration of the dunes, and foster preservation.
- Provide at least one original framed art piece to the park.
- Check out with the Volunteer Coordinator, Dispatch, and Visual Information Specialist.

**Knowledge/ Skills Desired**

- VIP must possess an artist talent in desired media. VIP must gain knowledge of park's mission statement and park use guidelines.

**Difficulty**

Not difficult. Requires a combination of hiking and standing.

**Working Conditions:**

Artist-in-Residence will be working within the park. The position requires a great deal of walking exploring natural and cultural resources. VIPs will be exposed to various weather conditions and natural outdoor environments. VIPs will be utilizing a designated park facility as studio space.

**Training / Preparation Required:**

- Volunteer office will provide park orientation.
- Visual Information Specialist will provide training needs.
- The Artist-in-Residence shall have the support/guidance/expertise of the available Interpretive & Educational Division personnel.

**Uniform**

- No uniform requirements