

Sitka Recreation Hosts - Number of volunteer host positions: 4

- 1. Sawmill Creek Campground – summer RV Host**
- 2. Starrigavan Recreation Area – summer Cabin Host**
- 3. Starrigavan Recreation Area – summer RV Host**
- 4. Starrigavan Recreation Area – winter Cabin Host**

Responsibilities:

Recreation Hosts (couples preferred, individuals considered) represent and are the “eyes and ears” of the Forest Service. Hosts are to be courteous, helpful, enthusiastic, are expected to positively convey the recreation facility rules as necessary and be visible to the visiting public. Hosts are provided a short orientation to the recreation facilities, necessary materials and information. Hosts are provided phones or portable radios to contact police for help or in cases of emergencies. Hosts are provided a special Host campsite or Host cabin during their entire time in Sitka. Hosts are expected to set a good example by role modeling a clean and uncluttered living site. Reimbursements for each host position are dependent on budget and onsite location.

Basic Requirements:

- Enjoy working positively with the public and being visible.
- Host Cabin provided for one summer and one winter host position.
- Self-contained living unit required for two summer host position.
- Commit to volunteering fulltime for dates specified.
- Agree to a background check as Hosts handle sensitive information, have access to police frequency on radio and handle recreation fees and donations.
- In good health and physical condition (repeated bending and lifting to clean restrooms and fire rings, litter pickup, filling potholes, splitting and moving firewood and pulling vegetation.)
- Able to operate leaf blowers (backpack model or one arm operated machine).
- Able to lift wood rounds to splitter and handle split firewood.
- Operate and lift portable pressure washer, gas powered weed whacker and/or blade brusher
- Have operated an atv, utv, tractor or other similar sized riding vehicles (Cabin Hosts only).
- Maintain a valid driver's license (Cabin Hosts only).

Duties (under direct supervision) include:

- picking up litter in and around campsites or picnic sites, along roadways, pathways and in parking lots.
- cleaning campsites and picnic sites, fire rings and restrooms to a required standard.
- opening and closing gates daily at 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. (Summer Hosts only); Winter gate openings and closures during daylight hours only.
- providing light maintenance i.e. brushing, thinning, pruning or pulling vegetation; filling potholes in roadway, installing or replacing signs, staining, etc.
- monitoring use of trails, trailheads, campsites and picnic sites (involves keeping mandatory handwritten records).
- providing split firewood for campers (rounds are already provided and cut, a commercial log splitter assists with splitting the wood).
- Cabin Hosts provide daily monitoring of treated water system under supervision of certified small systems water operator.
- providing information to visitors as needed
- and other necessary duties as assigned.

Reimbursements: Vary by year, budget and Host position location.

Sawmill Creek Campground position– newly reconstructed small campground in 2016.

1. Mid May through late August or early September.
2. Provide own self-contained living unit i.e. motorhome, fifth wheel or travel trailer.
3. In return for volunteer service, host site has electric hookup. Restroom nearby.
4. A passenger type vehicle is required for transportation within recreation area and to Sitka 7 miles away.
5. No pets.
6. Retired couples or individual; experienced Hosts preferred.

Starrigavan Recreation Area – Bayside Cabin Host summer position (couples).

1. Requires commitment to be in Sitka from late March through early October.
2. Panabode type cabin provided on site for living quarters.
3. In return for volunteer service, cabin amenities include electricity, indoor plumbing, vault type sewer, and phone service.
4. Vehicle necessary for access to Sitka 7 miles away for personal services, FS supplies and access to a FS specialty vehicle.
5. Non smokers and no pets.
6. Retired couples only and experienced Hosts preferred.
7. See NOTE below.

Starrigavan Recreation Area – Estuary Loop RV host summer position (couples or individual).

1. Filled when budgets allow Mid May through late August or early September.
2. Provide own self-contained living unit i.e. motorhome, fifth wheel or travel trailer.
3. In return for volunteer service, host site amenities include electric, water, sewer vault and phone hookups dependent on available funding.
4. A passenger type vehicle is required for transportation within recreation area and to Sitka 7 miles away.
5. No pets.
6. Retired couples and experienced Hosts preferred.

Starrigavan Recreation Area – Bayside Host Cabin winter position (one person only).

1. Filled when budgets allow.
2. Requires commitment to be in Sitka from late September through early April.
3. Panabode type cabin provided on site for living quarters.
4. In return for volunteer service, cabin amenities include electricity, indoor plumbing, sewer, and phone service.
5. Vehicle necessary for access to Sitka 7 miles away for personal services, FS supplies and access to a FS specialty vehicle.
6. Non smokers and no pets. Retired individual only (no couples) and experienced Host preferred. See NOTE below.

NOTE - Starrigavan Recreation Area – Bayside Cabin Hosts (summer and winter).

1. Starrigavan Recreation Area is open year around.
2. Bayside Hosts live in a new pan abode log cabin, which provides the center of operation for the recreation area.
3. These Hosts must be able to provide basic maintenance to the interior and exterior of the cabin under direct supervision; vegetation management in the yard; have experience operating and maintaining a UTV (or riding power equipment) at cabin in winter with shovel and UTV with snowplow attachment (winter host only); have experience with power and hand tools; be willing to be outdoors daily in all kinds of weather; have basic computer and office skills. The one bedroom accommodates a queen-size bed.

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