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Discover the Rewards of Volunteering at Chimney Rock National Monument

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Ignacio, CO – Are you looking for a fulfilling way to connect with people from all over the world, share your knowledge, and spend time in one of the most breathtaking outdoor environments in Southwest Colorado? The **Chimney Rock Interpretive Association (CRIA)** invites you to explore the wide range of volunteer opportunities at **Chimney Rock National Monument**. If you enjoy meeting new people, learning about ancient cultures, and helping others appreciate the incredible natural and cultural wonders of the area, this is the perfect opportunity for you.

Volunteers at Chimney Rock will have the unique chance to share their expertise with visitors from around the globe, all while immersing themselves in the fascinating history of the Ancestral Puebloans who once inhabited the area. Whether you're interested in guiding tours, sharing insights into archaeology, astronomy, culture, or geology, or assisting with educational programs and retail, there are countless ways to get involved. Additional opportunities include working as Plaza and Mesa Hosts, assisting with youth workshops, supporting maintenance projects, contributing to the Life at Chimney Rock program, and even helping with the Lecture Series.

CRIA offers flexible volunteer opportunities to suit your schedule and interests. Whether you have a few hours to spare or can commit to an entire season, you'll have the freedom to design a schedule that works for you. Volunteers can choose their hours at the start of the year, with the flexibility to adjust as they discover new ways to get involved.

We invite you to stop by our **Volunteer Open House** on **Saturday, April 26, 2025**, at the **Farmer's Fresh Market** located at 535 Goddard Ave, Ignacio, CO 81137. From **10:00 AM to 12:00 noon**, CRIA's team will be available to answer your questions, provide detailed information on the different volunteer roles, and help you find the perfect fit for your skills and passions. This is your opportunity to learn more about how you can contribute to Chimney Rock National Monument's ongoing mission of cultural and natural preservation.

Volunteering at Chimney Rock is a truly enriching experience that deepens your connection to this incredible place and its history. It's a chance to meet like-minded individuals who share your love for the natural world and ancient cultures, all while making a positive impact on the community.

If you're ready to become part of the Chimney Rock family, we welcome you to join us on **Saturday, April 26th, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 noon** at the **Farmer's Fresh Market**. Let's visit, discuss our volunteer opportunities, and discover how you can make a difference at Chimney Rock National Monument.

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