



## **NATIONAL PARK TRUST COLLEGE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM SCHOOL SUPPORT DOCUMENT**

*This School Support Document should be signed by an official college/university faculty or staff member that is connected to a campus program, club, or academic department who agrees to work with the Ambassador pair over the 2022-2023 academic school year. The role of the campus program/club/ department is fundamental to the success of the program and the campus program/club/department should assist with all associated outdoor outings throughout the program time frame.*

### **About National Park Trust**

National Park Trust works every day to ensure all people can experience the endless possibilities of our nation's parks. We do this by acquiring the missing pieces of our national parks and by engaging kids from every community across the nation in outdoor learning experiences.

### **Program Information**

The National Park Trust is looking for pairs of college ambassadors at 6 schools to lead initiatives on their campuses that increase outdoor recreation participation and stewardship among the campus community while also increasing access and awareness of parks and outdoor places. **If you love getting outside, discovering parks, and connecting others to the outdoors, then the National Park Trust wants you to join our team.**

**Applications are being accepted from currently enrolled U.S.-based college/university students who consider themselves outdoor enthusiasts and have the ability to rally their peers in support of outdoor activity and our nation's parks.**

Leveraging school assets and school/community connections, each ambassador pair will be challenged to develop and implement a series of outdoor activities (starting in November 2022 through May 2023) that engage their campus community in outdoor recreation through a local park outing, a stewardship event, a fishing-themed outing, and social media outreach. Towards the end of the academic year, ambassadors will help with the selection of the next ambassador (or pair) on their campus.

### **Application Deadline: May 9, 2022**

Successful ambassador pairs:

- Have a passion for the outdoors and public lands & waters and a desire to inspire others to get outside.



- Have a social network and influence with the proven ability to motivate and mobilize peers on-land and online.
- Have a relationship with a school program, club, or academic department and can leverage the assets and infrastructure (i.e. gear, transportation, marketing) to support outdoor experiences.

**Special consideration will be given to proposals that focus on engaging people of color, LGBTQIA communities, persons with disabilities, or other traditionally marginalized populations in outdoor recreation.**

### **Application Requirements**

1. Proposals must include details on the following activities:
  - One visit to a local park that raises the profile of the park with the campus community.
  - One stewardship-focused outing that gets members of the campus community outside and actively participating in park stewardship.
  - One fishing-themed outing (strong preference for fishing at a national park site).
  - One social media campaign that inspires outdoor activity within the campus community and engages a diverse range of new campus and community partners. Innovation and reach are important! Social campaigns will focus primarily on Instagram, and the Park Trust will track impact throughout the year.
2. Each ambassador pair must provide a link to a short video (4 min. max) with their application that describes why the pair wants to be Park Trust College Ambassadors and what they love about parks and the outdoors. Let your personalities shine!
3. Each ambassador pair must have written support from a school program, club, or academic department – endorsing you as their representative and agreeing to work with you on organizing and implementing ambassador outdoor outings. [Download the School Support Document here.](#) You will be asked to upload this document with a signature in the application.

### **Ambassador and School Resources**

Resources include:

- A \$1,000 stipend for each ambassador AND \$2,500 for each college/university to support ambassador outings throughout the academic year.
- Each school will receive a fishing gear bank for 15 people (poles and tackleboxes) to be used for the ambassador fishing outing. The school will keep the fishing gear for future school-related outdoor activities.
- Each ambassador will receive a National Park Trust Ambassador t-shirt, a backpack and water bottle from Hydro Flask, National Park Trust swag, and more.
- Each ambassador pair will receive swag and materials for tabling events and outreach.
- Each ambassador pair will receive an Ambassador Communications Toolkit that will help with outreach and creating and implementing social media campaigns.



The College Ambassador Program will also offer career exposure and employment opportunities within the park and outdoor industries.

**Program Timeline**

- May 9, 2022** - Deadline for online application
- May 27, 2022** - Notifications sent to applicants
- September 2022 - October 2022** - Ambassador onboarding and planning
- October 2022 - May 2023** - Outings and ongoing social media campaigns
- December 2022** - Ambassador mid-year check-in
- May 2023** - Ambassador final report due

**National Park Trust Contact Information**

Questions? Contact Nick Weig, Programs Coordinator  
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**Signatures:**

I have read and understood the above, and agree to support the ambassador applicant pair named below in successfully accomplishing the responsibilities and deliverables of the National Park Trust College Ambassador Program. This includes professional guidance and help with park outings and logistics.

**School Faculty/Staff Member:**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Program/Club/Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ambassador Pair Names:**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_