



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

California Trail Center Accepting Applications for a Junior Ranger Book Artist/Designer

Who: The California Trail Interpretive Center (CTIC) is managed by the Bureau of Land Management in partnership with Southern Nevada Conservancy (SNC). The mission of the CTIC is to interpret the California Trail experience, a historic trail that stretched about 2000 miles west across the United States running from the Missouri river area to the state of California from 1841-1869.

What: The CTIC is in the process of developing a new Junior Ranger book and is looking to hire a Nevada-based artist/designer to fulfill our vision! The Junior Ranger program is an activity-based program conducted in many Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and National Park Service units or sites throughout the country. Interested youth or adults complete a series of activities during a visit, share their answers with a park ranger, and receive an official Junior Ranger badge and Junior Ranger certificate.

More information related to the Junior Ranger program and examples can be found at: [Junior Ranger Books \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/junior-ranger-books)

Project Details: This project will involve creating original art and designs to be used for the California Trail Interpretive Center's Junior Ranger book.

All original art will need to be able to translate into a digital format to allow for the eventual book printing. Exact number and type of original drawings/designs for book will be discussed upon discussion of direction. Drawings will include people, animals and landscapes from the era of California Trail (1841-1869). During the project, the selected artist will meet virtually (based upon an agreed schedule) to review direction, progress and to make any necessary edits/updates.

Upon completion, all rights to the completed art and design will be owned by the California Trail Interpretive Center and may be used for future marketing purposes. Credit will be given to the artist within the book and on any future promotional materials related to the CTIC Junior Ranger program.



Timeline: 3 months – February - May 20 (Exact timeline is flexible to adapt to artist/designer needs. There is a firm completion date of May 20th.)

Applications will be accepted 1/9/23-1/23/23. Following a period for interviews, the artist selection will be made by 2/3/23.

Compensation: \$35 per hour

Expected Level of Work: 120-160 Hours

Artist Application Checklist – please be sure to include the following with your application

- CTIC Junior Ranger Book Artist Application
- Sample of Artwork: Six (6) different visual images. Digital images must be in JPEG file format at 300 dpi, not to exceed 1 MB each in file size. Use your last name and image number in the file name. (For example: JoeSmith_Image01.jpg)
- Email applications and supporting documents to the California Trail Interpretive Center at calitrailcenter@gmail.com. Only digitally submitted applications will be accepted for consideration.

OPTIONAL:

- Resume: Please provide an artist resume if applicable including any exhibition record, fellowships and residencies, and other honors. **This opportunity is open to artists of all experience levels, so students, part-timers, hobbyists, and others are encouraged to apply!**