Become a Technical Advisor with VOC

As a Technical Advisor, you will work with the VOC Project Team to design innovative and sustainable projects that are constructed by volunteers to meet the expectations and goals of the land management agency. As a Technical Advisor, you will serve as the technical liaison with the land management agency to develop the project design, prepare the project site (flagging, staking, etc.), provide technical direction during construction, and create construction notes for Crew Leaders including section tool requirements. One or more Assistant Technical Advisors may assist you.

Benefits

- Learn valuable skills in project planning, technical design, and site work
- Be part of the initial planning process to plan trail construction and restoration projects
- Experience the reward of seeing the final results of your planning efforts
- Work with land managers and VOC staff to plan worthwhile stewardship projects

Requirements

- Volunteer on 2+ VOC projects prior to training
- Attend OSI Crew Leader Training or equivalent and have significant experience leading crews in the field
- Attend OSI Introduction to Trail Design Training or equivalent training/experience
- Successfully mentor under an experienced VOC Technical Advisor as an Assistant Technical. Multiple mentorship sessions may be required.

Commitment

- The time commitment in designing a volunteer project can be significant and is dependent on a variety of factors such as size, complexity, distance, number of volunteers, and experience.
- Attend Project Team meetings (1 – 3 via phone) and project site visits.
- To maintain certification, you must serve on the project design team once every 2 years. As long as you continue to maintain a high standard of quality, you are welcome to serve indefinitely.
- You are not required to serve as Technical Advisor on every project you volunteer.

Get Started

- To view upcoming trainings and to register, visit voc.org/training.
- Please contact Ben Kromash at 303-715-1010 ext. 117 or ben@voc.org with any questions.

You may be interested in any number of our annual trail skills trainings offered through VOC’s Outdoor Stewardship Institute (OSI), as well as other advanced leadership roles with VOC, such as Crew Leader Manager, OSI Instructor, or Team Leader. Learn more at voc.org/vocleadership or contact Ben Kromash at 303-715-1010 ext. 117 or ben@voc.org.