



Concrete Preservation Institute

Sustaining Landmarks, Building Futures

Field School at Alcatraz Island

Program Overview

- **Experience of a lifetime for current military personnel and post-9/11 veterans** from around the country interested in any type of future career. College students accepted as space allows.
- Participants learn & work Monday-Friday **completing significant concrete repair projects** on the National Historic Landmark Alcatraz Island; after hours and weekends are free to experience San Francisco and surrounding area
- A **safe, structured, service-oriented, and welcoming environment** for military personnel to train for jobs or find a direction for college while on active duty or as they transition to civilian life after military separation
- **Three 12-week, full-time sessions each year** at Alcatraz through our partnership with the US National Park Service (NPS); CPI is planning additional Field School locations for the future
Please see website for session dates and location updates
- **Housing and transportation** daily to and from Alcatraz provided
- Typically no **program fees** for military personnel and veterans; please see website for fee information and possible stipend opportunities
- **Admission requirements** include, but are not limited to, a demonstrated willingness to learn, ability to work positively in teams, commitment to accomplishing goals, a positive attitude, and an understanding of the CPI mission; no prior construction experience required

Alumni Outlook

- Through the unique and demanding CPI experience, participants typically find their **passion and direction for future careers** in concrete, construction, engineering, and other construction-related fields or business, sales, technology, non-profit work, cultural and natural resource stewardship, NPS and other government service, and other related areas
- We use our **extensive nationwide industry & academic connections** to help alumni move into skilled trade jobs, management-path careers, additional paid internships, and college programs; we are based in California but assist alumni in networking for careers or college in any state or even internationally
- For alumni seeking employment or college application assistance, we have a **100% placement record**

Participants

- **Earn 480 National Park Service volunteer hours** helpful in possible future NPS job applications
- Complete OSHA safety course and receive **OSHA Safety Certificate**
- Gain the skills and knowledge included in the International Concrete Repair Institute's **"Concrete Surface Repair Certification"** program that will be available through ICRI after January 2016
- Additional certification opportunities are planned
- Gain **teamwork skills and a tremendous sense of accomplishment** completing significant repair projects on buildings important to our military and cultural history
- Become knowledgeable about **preservation and long-term stewardship** of natural resources and the built environment
- Gain **leadership experience** through project & logistics management, safety management, and public relations with Park visitors, the press, NPS, and industry executives
- Develop **hands-on skills** in basic concrete construction/repair design, evaluation, and testing; project scheduling/estimating; tool/equipment operation and maintenance; wood carpentry; and concrete materials/mixing/placement/finishing
- Learn from **leading experts** from CPI, industry, academia, and NPS
- Interact often with industry executives interested in **hiring CPI alumni** for future jobs or internships
- Participate in **field trips** to local project sites, manufacturing facilities, business locations, and community and industry events
- Give back by serving as **mentors for local youth** during our community service activities

The CPI foundation's priority is our Field School. We also contribute broadly to industry and society through leading practical research, offering professional development, giving back locally through youth mentoring, and advancing applied sustainability through preservation.

Please consider getting involved in any of these areas or becoming a sponsor or donor for a Field School site, project, or participant.

We are passionate about what we do and welcome opportunities to share our story; please call to inquire about an inspirational, history-based, technical or non-technical presentation meaningful for any audience.

Please visit our website for more information and to view our overview video

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