Position Overview:
Boat Patrol Assistants support Larimer County Rangers during their boat patrols on summer weekend days at Carter Lake or Horsetooth Reservoir. Volunteers in this position will be working directly on a boat with a Ranger, must be an experienced boater and swimmer, and must be prepared for a fast-paced and unpredictable environment. This is a physically demanding but rewarding position.

Duties:
- Arrive on time for your shift wearing your volunteer T-Shirt and name badge
- Ride along with Rangers during boat patrol and assist as they interact with visitors, including holding boats together, lifting items/people out of water and other duties as assigned
- Represent Larimer County in a friendly and professional manner
- Abide by Larimer County rules, regulations, and safety guidelines while volunteering
- Sign up for shifts and manage your volunteer profile using Offero
- Be prepared for working outdoors on a boat for extended periods
- Communicate questions or concerns to the assigned Ranger supervisor
- Attend a New Volunteer Orientation and any scheduled training sessions

Schedule:
- Shifts are 12:00 – 4:00 pm on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend
- Boat Patrol Assistants must volunteer for at least ten shifts per season
- Attend training sessions held in spring each year. Training may include attending portions of Boat Patrol Academy
- If unable to fulfill a shift, volunteer must notify assigned Ranger supervisor at least 48 hrs. in advance or find another Boat Patrol Assistant to cover their shift

Qualifications:
- Motorized boating experience - a minimum 40 hours of operation*
- Experience swimming in open waters, must be a strong swimmer
- Strong communication skills and enjoys working with the public
- Able & willing to commit to the full season May - September
- Friendly, courteous, and respectful to staff, fellow volunteers, and park visitors
- Ability to follow directions and react quickly and effectively under pressure
- Comfortable lifting 50 lbs., bending, walking, stooping, and pulling
- Willingness to work outside in hot summer weather. Must be physically able to withstand the fatigue of working outdoors for extended periods
- Understanding and acceptance of the potential risks for this volunteer position such as inclement weather, heat, encounters with wildlife such as insects and rattlesnakes, and unpleasant interactions with the public

*applicants without motorized boating experienced may be considered if can prove they are strong swimmers and capable of meeting physical requirements