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Cabrillo National Monument Seeks Volunteers-In-Parks for Education Program for 2008-2009 School Year

[San Diego, California] Are you a teacher, retired teacher or pursuing a career in teaching? Do you want to learn how to use national parks as living classrooms? Have you ever wanted to volunteer or work for your national parks? Do you love the history? Do you enjoy sharing your passion for the environment? Do you enjoy working with children? Are you interested in learning about and sharing your knowledge of Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, the Old Point Loma Lighthouse, Kumeyaay uses of native plants, Coastal Sage Scrub, tidepool plant and wildlife? If you answered yes, then Cabrillo National Monument, *San Diego's National Park*, invites you to help young people make intellectual and emotional connections with Cabrillo National Monument as a volunteer in the Volunteers-In-Parks (VIP) Program in the Division of Interpretation and Education, presenting curriculum-based education programs to school groups and helping the park's education program.

Volunteers-In-Parks will work closely with Cabrillo National Monument Interpretation and Education Rangers and will have the opportunity to pursue professional certifications and Continuing Education Units (CEU) in Interpretation and Education through the Eppley Institute at Indiana University (www.parktraining.org), as part of the National Park Service (NPS) Interpretive Development Program, which is also recognized by the National Association for Interpretation (NAI). For many years, Cabrillo National Monument staff has presented education programs which address the California Content Standards for Science and History/Social Studies to approximately 8,000 school children in grades 2-6, their teachers and adult chaperones annually. Curriculum-based education programs include *Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo: A Voyage of Exploration* (grades 3-5), *Life in the Intertidal Zones* (grades 3-5), *The Kumeyaay Supermarket: Native American Plant Uses* (grades 3-5), *Life in Coastal Sage Scrub: Ecology of Cabrillo National Monument* (grades 3-6) and *Growing Up in the Old Point Loma Lighthouse* (grade 2). Information about Cabrillo National Monument's curriculum-based education programs may be found at <http://www.nps.gov/cabr/forteachers/index.htm>.

Cabrillo National Monument Superintendent Tom Workman stated, "as we prepare for the centennials of Cabrillo National Monument in 2013 and the National Park Service in 2016, these

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new volunteers will help us introduce thousands of young people each year to the wonderful history and natural resources at Cabrillo National Monument, as well as their other national parks. Engaging Volunteers-In-Parks to assist with our curriculum-based education programs will help us expand partnerships with schools, giving school children national park experiences which will enrich their lives. This will increase our capacity to provide school children with high-quality, park-based learning to help connect them to Cabrillo National Monument, impart to them a sense of their citizen ownership of their national parks and encourage them to be stewards of their national parks, as well as of the environments right around them in their schools, neighborhoods and backyards. These all support the mission of the National Park Service as well as the goals of the NPS Centennial Initiative.”

The NPS will provide training, and asks volunteers to commit to a minimum of one morning (9:00 AM to 12:00 PM) per week, plus periodic in-service training sessions throughout the year, and you must wear an official NPS Volunteers-In-Parks uniform, which the monument provides. If you would like to join the park rangers at Cabrillo NM in educating young people about the park and helping them create their own personal connections with it, please contact Cabrillo NM Volunteers-In-Parks Program Manager Park Ranger Marcy Marquez at tel. 619-523-4573 or email Marcy_Marquez@nps.gov for more information, or to sign-up as a Cabrillo NM Volunteers-In-Parks, as soon as possible. Our volunteers are, indeed, Very Important People!!!

Cabrillo National Monument, located on Point Loma at the end of Catalina Boulevard, is open daily from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Hourly public transportation (#28 Bus, connecting with #84 Bus) is available to the visitor center, from the Old Town Transit Center. For additional information about the monument call 619-557-5450 or TTY 619-222-8211, or visit our web site at <http://www.nps.gov/cabr/>. For more information about the National Park Service Centennial Initiative visit www.nps.gov/2016/.

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