

Yosemite Volunteer Program Group Program Catalog

May 7, 2012 Update

What follows is the Yosemite Program Group Project Catalog updated to reflect projects that are now full as well as new projects.

Project Descriptions:

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- Newly added projects have a star by them ★

Calendar:

- Projects no longer available have been removed.
- Newly added projects have a star by them ★
- Project listed as flexible can be scheduled on any date if we have work leaders available, with campsites if available – just ask.

Campsites:

Weekends are popular, so our Yosemite Valley campsites are full on nearly every Friday and Saturday night through September. While we may still be able to reserve campsites outside the Valley, **the only weekend dates still available in the Valley** are

June: 8 (not 9)

July: 13 (not 14), July 27 and 28

August: 10 and 11

September: 7 and 8, 21 and 22

October: sites available all dates

November-February: sites available all dates

Outside Yosemite Valley, campsites may still be available at first-come campgrounds such as Porcupine Flat, or reservation campsites as assigned for specific projects.

Fall and Winter Projects:

During November through early March, we schedule projects on request if staff and/or campsites are available. Send in a request form, and we'll let you know if your request can be scheduled.



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Dear Volunteer Groups:

The Yosemite National Park Volunteer Office would like to invite you to bring your group to the park this year! Enclosed is the 2012 group volunteer project catalog, and it may look a little different than in the past. This year we are issuing the catalog in two pieces – a listing of projects by date, and a separate listing of project descriptions with available dates. We have done this because some of our project dates are quite flexible, while others are not, and some groups choose projects by type, while others choose by date. The Project Request Form (formally known as the Application Form) is also new to allow for these flexible dates.

We have been given some great projects for this year. With our Resources Management and Science division, we will be focusing on the health of plant communities large and small – removing invasive plants, restoring meadows, and doing general restoration and wildlife protection work. With our maintenance program we will be constructing and repairing bulletin boards, cleaning up campgrounds, constructing picnic tables, fixing park benches, installing campsite fire rings, and more. Other projects include trail work and cleanup of winter use areas. This year we're also listing our partner groups whose projects are open to the public in this catalog. The Yosemite Conservancy, Sierra Club, Pacific Crest Trail Association, and American Hiking Society all organize individual volunteers into groups for one-week volunteer projects; for these projects you'll apply directly through the organizations.

While the projects in the catalog are the ones we have already planned, some additional projects are added throughout the year, so check back! We also may be able to create a custom project for your group — just ask.

When considering bringing your group to Yosemite to volunteer, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- 1) If we provide campsites, all members of your group will be required to participate in the work project. The only exception to this will be the (optional) person designated to remain in camp for cooking and staying with gear. Please remember dogs are not permitted in group campsites (including Yellow Pine), and may not be permitted at the volunteer work site.
- 2) Specific project assignments may change as other projects become available and conditions change; we will always check with groups before changing their projects significantly.
- 3) As weather conditions can change rapidly in Yosemite, please ensure your group is prepared and equipped for potential adverse conditions (i.e., snow, rain, extreme heat, biting or stinging insects, black bears, etc). Heavy winters may also cause cancellation of early season projects, especially in the high country.
- 4) The Yosemite volunteer program provides free campsites (if available) during your volunteer project in order to facilitate volunteer work. Most campsites are at Yellow Pine, the volunteer campground in the Valley. We will plan for campsites the nights before and after a scheduled project, or Friday/Saturday for a Sunday project, but these nights may be flexible. How many nights you can stay depends on the work performed:

Nights at campsite	Work requirements – Minimum days of work, AND minimum hours (At least one of the nights must be contiguous with the volunteer day)
One	Half-day project (3 to 5 hours)
Two	One day (6 hours+)
Three	One and a half days
Four	Two days
Five	Two and a half
Six	Three days
Seven	Four days

- 5) The volunteer program will provide tools for projects, safety training, and free entrance to the park. Groups need to provide their own camping equipment, food, and transportation to the park.
- 6) Each project will list a minimum age requirement, and minimum and maximum group size. These limits help us to make sure the projects are safe and appropriate for the age and the supervision available. The group size may also be limited by the campsites assigned. If you have a younger person or a group that is slightly over the size limit, please contact the office for an exception. If your group size will change by more than a few people, please contact us as soon as you know.

To request a project:

- 1) Look through the catalog to pick dates and projects that appeal to you. Be sure to note required skills and physical ability for each project. If you do have a group with limited physical capacity, we may be able to make accommodations depending on the project.
- 2) Choose your first choice project and fill in every line on the enclosed Project Request Form. If you would like to volunteer more than once in 2011, fill out a form for each trip. Some projects have flexible dates – please write your preferred work days on the form as well as arrival and departure dates.
- 3) List at least one alternate project as second choice on each form, as we often have multiple applicants for a given project or date. Projects are assigned on a first-come basis for qualified groups.
- 4) If you do not see a project that meets your needs, you may request a custom project; on the form write your preferred arrival and departure dates in place of the project number, preferred work dates, project type, and whether you need campsites.
- 5) In the blank box, write in any other info that might help us assign a project.
- 6) Once you have made your selections, please send your application(s) to:

Email:	Fax:	Mail:
Yose_volunteers@nps.gov (preferred method)	209-379-1853	VIP Office Yosemite National Park P.O. Box 700 El Portal, CA 95318

What happens next:

- 1) As we receive applications, we will assign dates/ projects. Generally projects will be assigned in the order in which they are received, though groups with special skills may be given priority for some projects.
- 2) We will send an email confirmation to your group leader, stating the assignment, within a month.
- 3) Later in spring, we will email a confirmation packet to your group leader with required forms and information about your project.
- 4) Please be patient! We have dozens of projects to assign (over 200 last year!), and sometimes it takes a while to get all the confirmation letters out.

Last year over 9,400 individual volunteers provided over 172,000 hours of service to Yosemite. That’s the equivalent of over 84 full time National Park Service employees! Without you, critical repair and restoration work could not be completed. We greatly appreciate you for supporting the National Park Service mission.

Sincerely,

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 2012 Yosemite Group Project Descriptions
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Yosemite National Park 2012 Group Project Descriptions

Below are descriptions of our planned projects, the dates they are currently scheduled, and eligibility requirements. For information on specific project dates, including campsite locations, see the calendar. For Partner Work Weeks, be sure to apply directly through those organizations.

★ Climbing Access Rehabilitation

Description:

Yosemite is known for its world-class rock climbing, with thousands of climbers accessing hundreds of routes in the park each year. In Yosemite the NPS historically has not established climber use trails, and climbers have accessed climbing routes using the “path of least resistance”. After decades of intensive use, this informal network of trails has become severely eroded--leaving denuded areas, loose footing, and vegetation loss. With the support of a grant from the Yosemite Conservancy, the park will be working with volunteers to delineate some of these access routes and restore ecological health to the areas. Specifically volunteers may be delineating trails and building trail structures (such as water bars), de-compacting soil, planting native plants, eliminating old trails, and similar work. This project is still under development as the catalog goes to press.

Qualifications:

Minimum Age: 10 Group Size: 5 to 250

Ability to hike on uneven terrain and carry tools. Some areas are close to trailheads, while others may require some hiking.

Scheduled Projects: (not all dates will be listed as project number in the catalog)

Projects will be scheduled on request.

Flexible?

Yes!

★ Wilderness Restoration Glacier Point Road

Description:

Work with a wilderness restoration ranger to remove illegal fire rings from trailheads along the Glacier Point Road. Volunteers will learn correct wilderness restoration techniques, Leave No Trace practices and wilderness ethics. Opportunities may also exist to maintain ongoing restoration efforts in nearby locations as needed. Volunteers may also be assisting with the identification and removal of invasive plants.

Conditions and Safety:

Volunteers must perform all tasks in a safe manner using the appropriate tools for the task and wearing the necessary personal protective gear required for the task, and follow instructions from NPS Work Leader. Work tools, gloves and safety vests will be provided by the NPS work leader. Care must be exercised when working on/off-trail and/or near rivers/streams. Work will take place outdoors and working conditions will be variable. Volunteers should dress appropriately for the work & weather: long pants, long sleeved shirt, and sturdy shoes/boots, sunhat. Volunteers should also bring lunch, water, raingear, & jacket due to the potential for rapidly changing weather conditions. Work typically involves hiking over uneven, potentially rocky &/or wet, slippery terrain. Potential hazards include exposure to scratchy or thorny vegetation, irritating vegetation (i.e. poison oak), biting or stinging insects, snakes, wildlife, allergens (i.e. pollen, dust, etc) and other hazards typical of outdoor work environments. Moderate to strenuous physical exertion may be required. Project may require ability to lift up to 40 pounds or 1/3 body weight (whichever is less).

Please note that project may change in scope depending on the needs of the park. Groups will be notified in advance if the project will change.

Qualifications:

Minimum age: 18 unless accompanied by an adult (if accompanied by an adult, minimum age 10)

Group Size: 3-6

Must be able to hike several miles

Elevation: 6500 - 9,000 feet.

Scheduled Projects:

June 12, 13, 14, July 10, 11, 12, August 21, 22, 23

Campsite: Bridalveil Campground

Flexible Dates?

No

Wilderness Restoration Tuolumne Meadows

Description:

Work with a wilderness restoration ranger to remove illegal fire rings from trails in the Tuolumne Meadows area.

Volunteers will learn correct wilderness restoration techniques, Leave No Trace practices and wilderness ethics.

Opportunities may also exist to maintain ongoing restoration efforts in nearby locations as needed. Volunteers may also be assisting with the identification and removal of invasive plants.

Conditions and Safety:

Volunteers must perform all tasks in a safe manner using the appropriate tools for the task and wearing the necessary personal protective gear required for the task, and follow instructions from NPS Work Leader. Work tools, gloves and safety vests will be provided by the NPS work leader. Care must be exercised when working on/off-trail and/or near rivers/streams. Work will take place outdoors and working conditions will be variable. Volunteers should dress appropriately for the work & weather: long pants, long sleeved shirt, and sturdy shoes/boots etc. Work typically involves hiking over uneven, potentially rocky &/or wet, slippery terrain. Potential hazards include exposure to scratchy or thorny vegetation, irritating vegetation (i.e. poison oak), biting or stinging insects, snakes, wildlife, allergens (i.e. pollen, dust, etc) and other hazards typical of outdoor work environments. Moderate to strenuous physical exertion may be required. Project may require ability to lift up to 40 pounds or 1/3 body weight (whichever is less).

Please note that project may change in scope depending on the needs of the park. Groups will be notified in advance if the project will change.

Qualifications:

Minimum age: 18 unless accompanied by an adult (if accompanied by an adult, minimum age 10)

Group Size: 3-6

Must be able to hike several miles

Elevation: 8,000 - 9500'

Scheduled Projects:

June 19, 20, 21, July 17, 18, 19, August 28, 29, 30

Campsite: Tuolumne Meadows

Flexible Dates?

No

Ash Removal and Campground Cleanup

Description:

With over 1,400 campsites in Yosemite in use nearly every night from April to September, a lot of ash gets produced in all those fire rings. Volunteers will clean out campground and picnic area fire pits and grills as well as perform general campground cleanup work. They will be shoveling ash and debris, which may be hot, and carrying the ash and other litter by bucket to a collection point for disposal.

Qualifications:

Minimum Age: 5

Group Size: 5 to 30 (maximum size depends on campsite)

Must be able to carry a 5 gallon bucket of ash or debris safely and practice safe use of hand tools such as shovels and litter sticks.

Scheduled Projects: (not all dates will be listed as project number in the catalog)

March ~~3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18~~, 24, 25, 31; April 7 or ~~8, 14, 15, 22~~, 28, 29; May 5, 6, 12, 13, ~~19, 20, 26, 27, 28~~; June 2, 3, 9, ~~10~~, 16, 17, 23, 24, ~~30~~; July 1, ~~7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29~~; August 11, 12, ~~18~~; September ~~1, 2~~, 8, 9, ~~15, 16, 22, 23~~; October 6, 7, ~~13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28~~.

Flexible?

Yes! Additional projects may be scheduled; campsites on a space-available basis.

Ahead of the Invasive Spread

Three Project Locations: Yosemite Valley, Hodgdon Meadows, Mariposa Grove

Description:

Be part of the first comprehensive survey for invasive plants in Yosemite National Park! Invasive plants are one of the biggest threats to biodiversity in the park and you can help find and treat them. The Park Service will train you to survey and identify invasive plants. Using GPS units (a satellite-based navigation system) and a Park Ranger’s help, you will then map the locations of invasive plants. Other tasks will include hand pulling weeds or using shovels or other tools to remove them. A variety of activities are available for all fitness levels. For more information on the Invasive Plant Management Program at Yosemite, please visit <http://www.nps.gov/yose/naturescience/invasive-plants.htm> . Note that his project has three locations, each with different group size, age requirements, and campsites. Yosemite Valley is the park’s iconic core, where most work will be in meadows, oak woodlands, and young conifer forests. In the Mariposa Grove you’ll be working amongst some of the largest trees on earth, the Sequoias. At Hodgdon Meadows work will be in delicate sub-alpine meadows. *Please note that project may change in scope depending on the needs of the park. Groups will be notified in advance if the project will change.*

Conditions and Safety:

Volunteers must perform all tasks in a safe manner using the appropriate tools for the task and wearing the necessary personal protective gear required for the task. Work tools, gloves and safety vests will be provided by the NPS work leader. Care must be exercised when working on/off-trail and/or near rivers/streams. Work will take place outdoors and working conditions will be variable. Volunteers should dress appropriately for the work & weather: long pants, long sleeved shirt, and sturdy shoes/boots etc. Work typically involves hiking over uneven, potentially rocky &/or wet, slippery terrain. Potential hazards include exposure to scratchy or thorny vegetation, irritating vegetation (i.e. poison oak), biting or stinging insects, snakes, wildlife, allergens (i.e. pollen, dust, etc.) and other hazards typical of outdoor work environments. Moderate to strenuous physical exertion may be required. Project may require ability to lift up to 40 pounds or 1/3 body weight (whichever is less).

Ahead of the Invasives location-specific qualifications and dates:

Yosemite Valley	Hodgdon Meadows	Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias
<p>Qualifications: Minimum age: 12 Group Size: 5-20 Scheduled Projects: June 15, 16, 22, 23, Aug 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, September 1, 7, 8 Campsite Location: Yosemite Valley Flexible? Limited. We may be able to add or change a few days, or change projects</p>	<p>Qualifications: Minimum age: 12 Group Size: 4-10 Scheduled Projects: July 13, 14 Campsite Location: Hodgdon Meadows Campground, two campsites Flexible? Very limited. We may be able to change dates, but unlikely to add</p>	<p>Qualifications: Minimum age: 12 Group Size: 5-20 Scheduled Projects: July 11, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28 Full Day projects only Campsite Location: Wawona Campground Flexible? Very limited. We may be able to add a few days, but no more than one</p>

from half- to whole-day or visa-versa.	dates. Full days only.	project on each date, full days only.
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Campground and Building Maintenance

(listed by specific project – see scheduled project, below)

Description:

Painting buildings, repairing park benches, cleaning gutters, building new structures, deconstructing old buildings, performing trail work, installing new lighting, removing old asphalt – the National Park Service has a maintenance backlog of billions of dollars. Thankfully at Yosemite we’re making a dent in our backlog with volunteer help. With these projects the volunteer/s will be working in all areas of the park doing a variety of projects, which may require skills in carpentry, electrical, concrete work, and plumbing. Volunteers must have a safe understanding of power equipment and hand tools. Volunteers must have some knowledge of electrical, plumbing, and/or carpentry skills and the safe use of hand and power tools such as circular saws, planers, drills, air driven nail guns, augers, paint sprayers, and cement mixers. They may be required to lift over 60 pounds and/or drive government vehicles. Volunteers will work at different locations within the Park; some work may be at high elevations.

Qualifications:

Minimum Age: 12-16, depending on project Group Size: 5 to 25 (maximum size depends on campsite)

Scheduled Projects:

Porch Repair in Wawona: April 7

Wawona Water Line Repair: ~~April 14~~

Fire Ring Installation in Bridalveil July 10-12 (two to three day project)

Tool Rack for Volunteer Shed: ~~March 17~~

Flexible?

Yes! We can plan these types of project on-demand depending on project/leader availability and group skills; campsites possible on a space-available basis.

General Resources Management Project: Yosemite Valley

Description:

Volunteer Groups are needed to assist Yosemite’s Resources Management and Science staff on a variety of projects during the summer of 2012. Volunteers might be asked to remove small conifers encroaching on meadows (using loppers, pruners or hand saws), map or remove invasive plants (using similar tools, including hand pulling) assist with replacing bear locker stickers or participate in a variety of other Resource-related projects. Specific projects will be decided by the Rangers prior to the work. *Please note that project may change in scope depending on the needs of the park. Groups will be notified in advance if the project will change.*

Conditions and Safety:

Volunteers must perform all tasks in a safe manner using the appropriate tools for the task and wearing the necessary personal protective gear required for the task. Work tools, gloves and safety vests will be provided by the NPS work leader.

Care must be exercised when working on/off-trail and/or near rivers/streams. Work will take place outdoors and working conditions will be variable. Volunteers should dress appropriately for the work & weather: long pants, long sleeved shirt, and sturdy shoes/boots etc. Work typically involves hiking over uneven, potentially rocky &/or wet, slippery terrain. Potential hazards include exposure to scratchy or thorny vegetation, irritating vegetation (i.e. poison oak), biting or stinging insects, snakes, wildlife, allergens (i.e. pollen, dust, etc) and other hazards typical of outdoor work environments. Moderate to strenuous physical exertion may be required. Project may require ability to lift up to 40 pounds or 1/3 body weight (whichever is less).

Qualifications:

Minimum age: 10 Group Size: 5-20

Scheduled Projects:

June ~~1, 2~~, 13, 14, ~~20, 21~~, July 6, 7, August 1, 2, ~~22~~, 23, 29, 30, September 5, 6, 19, 20, 21, ~~22~~

Campsites:

Yosemite Valley, usually Yellow Pine Volunteer Campground

Flexible?

Yes. The days may be either full or half day, and there may be some flexibility on project dates, but not location.

Litter Removal

Description:

Four million visitors a year can produce a lot of trash, and unfortunately not all of it makes it into trash cans and recycling bins. Volunteers will use litter sticks and buckets to clean up litter along roadsides and trails, in campgrounds and in other public areas. Must be able to carry a 5 gallon bucket of ash or debris safely and practice safe use of hand tools such as shovels and litter sticks.

Qualifications:

Minimum Age: 5 Group Size: 5 to 50 (maximum size depends on campsite)

Scheduled Projects:

Scheduled on request

Flexible?

Yes! This project is available to schedule on request.

Little Yosemite Valley Fire Wood (Backpacking)

Description:

Little Yosemite Valley (LYV) Backcountry Campground is located about four miles from Yosemite Valley via the Mist and John Muir Trails. With thousands of hikers passing through each year, several rangers and volunteers use Little Yosemite Valley as a base camp. Each year the staff clears the campground and nearby trails of fallen and hazardous trees, and all that wood needs to be cut to size and stacked to be available for firewood later in the season. Volunteers will spend the first night in Yosemite Valley at Backpacker's Camp, hike up to LYV in the morning and work that afternoon. They will then stay the night in LYV, working again in the morning or for another day (depending on the project duration) before hiking down. Volunteers have the option of spending their last night at Backpacker's camp in the Valley. Volunteers must be able to carry personal gear and tools up a steep trail for over four miles at high elevation. They must be able to lift up to 50 pounds, use hand tools, including axes and saws, and follow directions in order to perform the work safely.

Qualifications:

Minimum Age: 16 Group Size: 5 to 15

Scheduled Projects:

July 17 (2 to 4 days option), August 4, 11, 18

Flexible?

Yes! We may be able to schedule additional groups, and the dates are very flexible, with preferred work performed mid-June to late August and during week days, but weekends possible.

Spring Break Projects

Description:

Spring Break projects are led by the Buildings and Grounds program, and are custom-planned depending on the ages of the group, the duration of their work, and the time of year. Almost all project will take place in Yosemite Valley, and groups must be flexible, as unpredictable weather impacts our ability to plan far in advance. Work may include painting

buildings, repairing park benches, cleaning gutters, building new structures, cleaning up camping areas, shoveling snow, indoor work such as storage area cleaning and organizing, deconstructing old buildings and similar tasks.

Qualifications:

Minimum Age: 12, Group Size: 5 to 25 (maximum size depends on campsite availability)

Scheduled Projects:

(specific work schedule is flexible) ~~March 11-17, 18-24, 25-31; April 1-7; April 8-14~~

Flexible?

Yes! We can plan this on-demand depending on project/leader availability and group skills; campsites possible on a space-available basis.

Wawona Restoration Project

Assist Restoration Ecologists with the Wawona Meadow Project! Volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of work with the Wawona Meadow Project. Work might include:

- Harvesting willow from established populations in the meadow (using cut wands)
- Planting willows in the restoration area
- Shoveling and raking soil to re-contour natural topography and facilitate plant establishment
- Spreading woody debris to provide shelter for new plants and reduce erosion potential (protects soil from rain drop erosion) and slow water flow
- Transplanting native wetland plants from undisturbed meadow into the restoration area.

Please note that project may change in scope depending on the needs of the park. Groups will be notified in advance if the project will change.

Conditions and Safety:

Volunteers must perform all tasks in a safe manner using the appropriate tools for the task and wearing the necessary personal protective gear required for the task. Work tools, gloves and safety vests will be provided by the NPS work leader.

Care must be exercised when working on/off-trail and/or near rivers/streams. Work will take place outdoors and working conditions will be variable. Volunteers should dress appropriately for the work & weather: long pants, long sleeved shirt, and sturdy shoes/boots etc. Work typically involves hiking over uneven, potentially rocky &/or wet, slippery terrain. Potential hazards include exposure to scratchy or thorny vegetation, irritating vegetation (i.e. poison oak), biting or stinging insects, snakes, wildlife, allergens (i.e. pollen, dust, etc) and other hazards typical of outdoor work environments. Moderate to strenuous physical exertion may be required. Project may require ability to lift up to 40 pounds or 1/3 body weight (whichever is less).

Qualifications:

Minimum age: 18 Group Size: 5-15

Volunteers MUST have rubber boots/muck boots for working in a wet meadow *required

Scheduled Projects:

June 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21

Campsites:

Wawona Campground individual sites

Flexible?

Limited. The dates may be flexible. All projects are full day (at least 6 hours)

Partner Volunteer Projects

To sign up for one of these projects planned with non-profit partners, visit the websites listed.

Unlike other projects in this catalog which are designed for volunteers who come to the park as a group, these projects are for individual volunteers who would like to join a group volunteer project.

Yosemite Conservancy Work Weeks

Description:

The Yosemite Conservancy is the only philanthropic organization dedicated exclusively to the protection and preservation of Yosemite National Park and enhancement of the visitor experience. The Conservancy works with the park to accomplish work with volunteers each year. The National Park Service plans and leads the work, while the Conservancy arranges for group logistics and provides shared group equipment, food, and a cook. As of the date the catalog is being released, the Conservancy is still planning project details, but dates and locations have been planned. Please go to the Yosemite Conservancy website (below) for detailed information and to apply.

Qualifications:

Minimum Age: 18 Group Size: up to 15 individuals

Volunteers must be members of the Yosemite Conservancy (or join first). Physical difficulty depends on the project and location. See the Conservancy website for application details: <http://www.yosemiteconservancy.org/volunteer>

Scheduled Projects:

Yosemite Valley 1: Yosemite Valley Restoration; June 24-30

Be part of the first comprehensive survey for invasive plants in Yosemite National Park! Invasive plants are one of the biggest threats to biodiversity in the park and you can help find and treat them. The Park Service will train you to survey and identify invasive plants. Using GPS units (a satellite-based navigation system) and a Park Ranger's help, you will then map the locations of invasive plants. Other tasks will include hand pulling weeds, using shovels or other tools. A variety of activities are available for all fitness levels. For more information on the Invasive Plant Management Program at Yosemite, please visit <http://www.nps.gov/yose/naturescience/invasive-plants.htm>. Base camp is in Yellow Pine Campground in Yosemite Valley. Meals are provided by Yosemite Conservancy.

Yosemite Valley 2: Campground Rehabilitation; July 1-7

Enjoy being in the heart of the park while helping to rehabilitate Valley campgrounds and enhance the experience of visitors through a great sampler of activities. Tasks will include removing old picnic table anchors, re-aligning and leveling the following: campfire rings; parking bumper logs; and campsite posts. This variety provides a rewarding experience for all fitness levels and may require the use of shovels, pry bars, and small hand tools. Base camp is in Yellow Pine Campground in Yosemite Valley. Meals are provided by the Conservancy.

White Wolf 1: Campground Rehabilitation; July 15-21

If you prefer a higher elevation and smaller campground, this project may be for you! Help rehabilitate White Wolf campground by replacing old picnic tables with ones that conform to American Disabilities Act specifications. The new tables will be assembled on site from pre-cut lumber and metal frames. They will be swapped out with the old tables as the work progresses through the campground. You will be working with a project leader who will demonstrate how to build the new picnic tables using small hand tools. The Park Service will provide tools and materials. Work projects are at 8,000 feet. Base camp is in White Wolf Campground. Meals are provided by the Conservancy.

White Wolf 2: High Country Restoration; July 22-28

Help protect and restore Yosemite's natural resources in the White Wolf area! Be a part of obliterating social trails in the Tuolumne Grove or ongoing restoration projects at Lukens Meadow, Harden Road, and Doghouse Meadow. Due to weather and Park Service needs, you should be willing to work on other projects, if necessary. Work projects range in elevation from 6,000-8,000 feet and require hiking to and from work areas. Hiking distances to locations will vary. Tasks will include but are not limited to weeding, collecting and spreading duff, and moving logs and brush. Base camp is in White Wolf Campground. Meals are provided by Yosemite Conservancy.

Back Country: High Sierra Camps Restoration; July 28-August 5

Volunteer in the spectacular setting of Yosemite's High Sierra Camps! Tuolumne Meadows Campground is the base camp. Volunteers will camp there, Saturday, July 28th. On Sunday they will hike to May Lake and work Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday they will hike to Glen Aulin and work there Thursday and Friday. On Saturday they will hike

back to Tuolumne Meadows with the option of spending the night in Tuolumne Meadows campground. Meals are provided by DNC.

Besides ecological restoration, our volunteers will replace dilapidated hitching rails and posts on corral fences as well as remove debris that has collected over the years. They will use hand tools and shovels, as well as move rocks to delineate existing trails. Work will be between 7,800 feet at Glen Aulin and 9,270 feet at May Lake. Being in good shape, able to carry a full backpack, and do physical work at these high elevations is a must! Hiking distances are between 5.7 and 8 miles.

Food will be provided by Delaware North Parks and Resorts at the High Sierra Camps only. Volunteers provide their own meals while in Tuolumne Meadows campground. Learn more about Yosemite's High Sierra camps at Yosemite High Sierra Camps Official Site.

Tuolumne Meadows 1: Campground Rehabilitation; July 29-August 4

Help rehabilitate Tuolumne campground while enhancing the camping experience of visitors by replacing old metal campsite numbers with more durable stencils that are spray-painted onto the campsite posts. This project is not physically difficult but requires patience and some dexterity. You will be working with a project leader who will demonstrate how to remove the old metal numbers, clean the site posts, apply stencils and paint new numbers. The Park Service will provide tools and materials. There are several hundred campsites that need new numbers. Work projects are at 8,000 feet. Base camp is in Tuolumne Campground. Meals are provided by Yosemite Conservancy.

Tuolumne Meadows 2: High Country Restoration; August 5-11

Make a difference in Yosemite's high country! Work alongside biologists and restoration ecologists on projects in the Tuolumne Meadows area. Restore plant and wildlife habitat by removing social trails, maintaining previous restoration projects, repairing fencing, removing invasive plants, or working on other restoration projects as Help protect and restore Yosemite's natural resources in the White Wolf area! Be a part of obliterating needed. Projects range in elevation from 8600-10,000 feet and require walking to and from project areas. Hiking distances to locations will vary. Tasks will include but are not limited to restoring social trails, filling ruts, weeding, collecting and spreading duff, and moving logs and brush. Base camp is Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Meals are provided by Yosemite Conservancy.

Tuolumne Meadows 3: Social Science; August 12-18

Help collect visitor use data in the stunning Tuolumne Meadows area! The data you collect will assist park managers in developing strategies to better protect park resources and enhance visitor experiences. Base camp is Tuolumne Meadows campground. Meals are provided by Yosemite Conservancy. Activities range in elevation from 8600-10,000 feet and are available for three fitness levels:

Visitor Use Surveys (easy): Using an objective sampling method, volunteers will select visitors to complete visitor surveys at various high use locations. This project requires a friendly demeanor and accurate record keeping skills.

Parking Availability (moderate): Following a pre-determined schedule, volunteers will document the number of vehicles parked at various locations at any one time. Locations may include segments of Tioga Road or specified parking lots. This may require hiking or biking along roadways or within parking lots, or possibly driving your vehicle to monitor more dispersed parking areas.

Wilderness Encounters (slightly difficult): Volunteers will monitor and document hiker use of various trail segments and attraction sites in the Tuolumne Meadows area. You must be fit, love to hike the various trails in the area, and be able to drive your car to a trailhead if needed. Hikes vary in length ranging up to 7 miles.

Tuolumne Meadows 4: High Country Restoration; September 9-15

Help keep Yosemite's high country wild! Work on restoration projects in and around Tuolumne Meadows. Projects could include working at Lembert Dome, Tenaya Lake, or other areas as needed. These projects range in elevation from 8,600-10,000 feet and require walking to and from project areas. Hiking distances to locations will vary. You should be prepared for colder weather in the high country. Tasks will include but are not limited to weeding, collecting and spreading duff, and moving logs and brush. Base camp is Tuolumne Meadows campground. Meals are provided by Yosemite Conservancy.

Sierra Club Service Trips in Yosemite

Description:

The Sierra Club, which has been leading Outings to Yosemite from its very beginning, is sponsoring two service trips this year, in June in Yosemite Valley and in August in Tuolumne Meadows. Both groups will be working on ecological restoration.

Scheduled Projects:

June 3-10, "Multigenerational Service in Yosemite Valley", Trip#12205A

August 12 to 19, "Tuolumne Meadows Service", Trip#12320A

Qualifications:

See the Sierra Club Outings website for qualifications and application process: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/>

American Hiking Society Volunteer Vacation

Description:

As the national voice for America's hikers, the American Hiking Society promotes and protects foot trails and the hiking experience. A core part of their mission is leading volunteer service projects to build, restore, and maintain hiking trails. At Yosemite the group will be working to brush and clear trails that have been impacted by fire in recent years. While the exact trails have not yet been determined, they will be at high elevation, over 6,000 feet. For the June trip, the group will stay at a front-country base camp, hiking in to work sites each day. For the September trip, the group will be backpacking in the high country. Both trips should be considered strenuous, and the Tuolumne trip is best for backpackers with some experience.

Scheduled Projects:

Trip #11: June 24 to 30

Trip #12, September 9-15

Qualifications:

See the American Hiking Society website for qualifications and application process:

<http://www.americanhiking.org/volunteer-vacations/>

Pacific Crest Trail Association

Description:

The Pacific Trail Association (PCTA) was formed in 1977 as a natural outgrowth and merger of many smaller organizations dating back to the 1930s, all of which advocated and worked diligently to create one continuous scenic trail along the crest of the major mountain ranges of the Pacific rim from Mexico to Canada. The mission of the Pacific Crest Trail Association is to protect, preserve and promote the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for the value that wild and scenic lands provide to all people. The association strives to achieve this mission by promoting the PCT as a unique educational and recreational treasure and one of the finest trails anywhere in the world. The association also provides a broad range of services to its members, serves as a communications link among users and land management agencies, and assists the USDA Forest Service and National Park Service as well as other agencies in the maintenance, restoration and protection of the PCT. We are still in the planning process for a trip in 2012, which will most likely be in late August and based out of Tuolumne Meadows. Please check out the PCTA website for current information.

Scheduled Projects:

Not yet scheduled, but planned for late August

Qualifications:

See the PCTA website for qualifications and application process:

<http://pcta.org/help/volunteer.asp>

 **Wilderness Volunteers****Description:**

Wilderness Volunteers is a nonprofit organization created in 1997 to organize and promote volunteer service to America's wild lands. At Yosemite, Wilderness Volunteers have been working on a wilderness restoration project near Hetch-Hetchy for several years.

Scheduled Projects:

June 10-15 at Rancheria Creek; hike in from Hetch-Hetchy

Qualifications:

See the Wilderness Volunteers website for qualifications and to sign up: <http://www.wildernessvolunteers.org> (click on "projects" on the left and scroll down to June to find the Yosemite project).

Drop-in and Event Volunteering

For individuals who would like to volunteer while vacationing in Yosemite, several "drop-in" opportunities occur each year, including a bi-weekly habitat restoration or litter cleanup project – "HaPY", special events such as Junior Ranger Day and Apple Picking Day, and the big National Public Lands Day event – the Yosemite Facelift (organized by the Yosemite Climbing Association (<http://www.yosemiteclimbing.org>)). To check out a current listing of drop-in events, go to <http://www.nps.gov/yose/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm>

2012 Yosemite Group Volunteer Projects Calendar

*Projects at high elevation may be impacted by late season openings due to snow; we move to another site and project when possible.

Project Number	Project Start Date	Work Schedule	Project Name	Minimum Age / Group Size	Campground	Campground Check-in	Campground Check-out
1358 ★	6/3/2012	Saturday and Sunday 9am to 3pm	Climbing Trail Restoration Project	Min Age 12 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine site C	6/1/2012	6/3/2012
n/a ★	6/12/2012	Tuesday, 9am to 3pm	Glacier Point Wilderness Restoration Project	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Bridalveil	6/11/2012	6/13/2012
n/a ★	6/13/2012	Wednesday, 9am to 3pm	Glacier Point Wilderness Restoration Project	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Bridalveil	6/12/2012	6/14/2012
n/a ★	6/14/2012	Thursday, 9am to 3pm	Glacier Point Wilderness Restoration Project	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Bridalveil	6/13/2012	6/15/2012
1191	6/13/2012	Wednesday, 9am to 3pm	Wawona Restoration Project	Min Age 18 / Size 5-15	Wawona Group Site	6/12/2012	6/15/2012
1197	6/13/2012	Wednesday 9am to 3pm	General Resources Management Project	Min Age 10 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	6/12/2012	6/14/2012
1192	6/14/2012	Thursday, 9am to 3pm	Wawona Restoration Project	Min Age 18 / Size 5-15	Wawona	6/13/2012	6/15/2012
1198	6/14/2012	Thursday 9am to 3pm	General Resources Management Project	Min Age 10 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	6/13/2012	6/15/2012
1164	6/15/2012	Friday 9am to 3pm, or half day	Ahead of the Invasives Spread - Valley	Min Age 12 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	6/14/2012	6/16/2012
n/a ★	6/19/2012	Tuesday, 9am to 3pm	Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Restoration	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Tuolumne Meadows	6/18/2012	6/20/2012
n/a ★	6/20/2012	Wednesday, 9am to 3pm	Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Restoration	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Tuolumne Meadows	6/19/2012	6/21/2012
1193	6/20/2012	Wednesday, 9am to 3pm	Wawona Restoration Project	Min Age 18 / Size 5-15	Wawona Group Site	6/19/2012	6/21/2012

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n/a ★	6/21/2012	Thursday, 9am to 3pm	Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Restoration	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Tuolumne Meadows	6/20/2012	6/22/2012
1194	6/21/2012	Thursday, 9am to 3pm	Wawona Restoration Project	Min Age 18 / Size 5-15	Wawona	6/20/2012	6/22/2012
n/a ★	7/10/2012	Tuesday, 9am to 3pm	Glacier Point Wilderness Restoration	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Bridalveil	7/09/2012	7/11/2012
n/a ★	7/11/2012	Wednesday, 9am to 3pm	Glacier Point Wilderness Restoration	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Bridalveil	7/10/2012	7/12/2012
1179	7/11/2012	Wednesday 9am to 3pm	Ahead of the Invasives Spread - Mariposa Grove	Min Age 12 / Size 5-20	Wawona Group Site	7/10/2012	7/12/2012
n/a ★	7/12/2012	Thursday, 9am to 3pm	Glacier Point Wilderness Restoration	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Bridalveil	7/11/2012	7/13/2012
1314	7/12/2012	Thursday 9am to 3pm	Ahead of the Invasives Spread - Mariposa Grove	Min Age 12 / Size 5-20	Wawona	7/11/2012	7/13/2012
1187	7/13/2012	Friday 9am to 3pm	Ahead of the Invasives Spread - Hodgdon Meadows	Min Age 12 / Size 4-10	Hodgdon Meadow	7/12/2012	7/14/2012
1188	7/14/2012	Saturday 9am to 3pm	Ahead of the Invasives Spread - Hodgdon Meadows	Min Age 12 / Size 4/10	Hodgdon Meadow	7/13/2012	7/15/2012
1247	7/14/2012	Saturday or Sunday 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup - Porcupine Flat	Min Age 5 / Size 5-24	Porcupine Flat	7/13/2012	7/15/2012
n/a ★	7/17/2012	Tuesday, 9am to 3pm	Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Restoration	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Tuolumne Meadows	7/16/2012	7/18/2012
1260	7/17/2012 (flexible)	Variable	Little Yosemite Valley Fire Wood	Min Age 16 / Size 5-15	Little Yosemite Valley	7/16/2012	7/22/2012
n/a ★	7/18/2012	Wednesday, 9am to 3pm	Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Restoration	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Tuolumne Meadows	7/17/2012	7/19/2012
1181	7/18/2012	Wednesday 9am to 3pm	Ahead of the Invasives Spread - Mariposa Grove	Min Age 12 / Size 5-20	Wawona Group Site	7/17/2012	7/19/2012

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n/a ★	7/19/2012	Thursday, 9am to 3pm	Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Restoration	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Tuolumne Meadows	7/18/2012	7/20/2012
1182	7/19/2012	Thursday 9am to 3pm	Ahead of the Invasives Spread - Mariposa Grove	Min Age 12 / Size 5-20	Wawona	7/18/2012	7/20/2012
1183	7/20/2012	Friday 9am to 3pm	Ahead of the Invasives Spread - Mariposa Grove	Min Age 12 / Size 5-20	Wawona Group Site	7/19/2012	7/21/2012
1203	8/8/2012	Wednesday 9am to 3pm	General Resources Management Project	Min Age 10 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	8/07/2012	8/09/2012
1204	8/9/2012	Thursday 9am to 3pm	General Resources Management Project	Min Age 10 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	8/8/2012	8/10/2012
1261	8/4/2012 (flexible)	Saturday noon to 3pm, Sunday 9 to noon	Little Yosemite Valley Fire Wood	Min Age 16 / Size 5-15	Little Yosemite Valley	8/3/2012	8/5/2012
1169	8/10/2012	Friday 9am to 3pm, or half day	Ahead of the Invasives Spread - Valley	Min Age 12 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	8/9/2012	8/11/2012
1262	8/11/2012 (flexible)	Saturday noon to 3pm, Sunday 9 to noon	Little Yosemite Valley Fire Wood	Min Age 16 / Size 5-15	Little Yosemite Valley	8/10/2012	8/12/2012
1171	8/17/2012	Friday 9am to 3pm, or half day	Ahead of the Invasives Spread - Valley	Min Age 12 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	8/16/2012	8/18/2012
1263	8/18/2012 (flexible)	Saturday noon to 3pm, Sunday 9 to noon	Little Yosemite Valley Fire Wood	Min Age 16 / Size 5-15	Little Yosemite Valley	8/17/2012	8/19/2012
n/a ★	8/21/2012	Tuesday, 9am to 3pm	Glacier Point Wilderness Restoration	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Bridalveil	8/20/2012	8/22/2012
n/a ★	8/22/2012	Wednesday, 9am to 3pm	Glacier Point Wilderness Restoration	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Bridalveil	8/21/2012	8/23/2012
1205	8/22/2012	Wednesday 9am to 3pm	General Resources Management Project	Min Age 10 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	8/21/2012	8/23/2012
n/a ★	8/23/2012	Thursday, 9am to 3pm	Glacier Point Wilderness Restoration	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Bridalveil	8/22/2012	8/24/2012

Project Number	Project Start Date	Work Schedule	Project Name	Minimum Age / Group Size	Campground	Campground Check-in	Campground Check-out
1206	8/23/2012	Thursday 9am to 3pm	General Resources Management Project	Min Age 10 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	8/22/2012	8/24/2012
1173	8/24/2012	Friday 9am to 3pm, or half day	Ahead of the Invasives Spread - Valley	Min Age 12 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	8/23/2012	8/25/2012
n/a ★	8/28/2012	Tuesday, 9am to 3pm	Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Restoration	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Tuolumne Meadows	8/27/2012	8/29/2012
n/a ★	8/29/2012	Wednesday, 9am to 3pm	Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Restoration	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Tuolumne Meadows	8/28/2012	8/30/2012
1207	8/29/2012	Wednesday 9am to 3pm	General Resources Management Project	Min Age 10 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	8/28/2012	8/30/2012
n/a ★	8/30/2012	Thursday, 9am to 3pm	Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Restoration	Min Age 10 / Size 3-6	Tuolumne Meadows	8/29/2012	8/31/2012
1208	8/30/2012	Thursday 9am to 3pm	General Resources Management Project	Min Age 10 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	8/29/2012	8/31/2012
1175	8/31/2012	Friday 9am to 3pm, or half day	Ahead of the Invasives Spread - Valley	Min Age 12 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	8/30/2012	9/1/2012
1209	9/5/2012	Wednesday 9am to 3pm	General Resources Management Project	Min Age 10 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	9/4/2012	9/6/2012
1210	9/6/2012	Thursday 9am to 3pm	General Resources Management Project	Min Age 10 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	9/5/2012	9/7/2012
1177	9/7/2012	Friday 9am to 3pm, or half day	Ahead of the Invasives Spread - Valley	Min Age 12 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	9/6/2012	9/8/2012
1211	9/19/2012	Wednesday 9am to 3pm	General Resources Management Project	Min Age 10 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	9/18/2012	9/20/2012
1212	9/20/2012	Thursday 9am to 3pm	General Resources Management Project	Min Age 10 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	9/19/2012	9/21/2012
1213	9/21/2012	Friday 9am to 3pm	General Resources Management Project	Min Age 10 / Size 5-20	Yellow Pine - site TBD	9/20/2012	9/22/2012

Project Number	Project Start Date	Work Schedule	Project Name	Minimum Age / Group Size	Campground	Campground Check-in	Campground Check-out
1254	9/22/2012	Saturday or Sunday 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup - Valley	Min Age 5 / Size 5-30	Yellow Pine - site TBD	9/21/2012	9/23/2012
1288	10/14/2012	Sunday 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup - Valley	Min Age 5 / Size 5-30	Yellow Pine Site B	10/12/2012	10/14/2012
1289	10/20/2012	Saturday or Sunday 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup - Valley	Min Age 5 / Size 5-30	Yellow Pine Site B	10/19/2012	10/20/2012
1290	10/27/2012	Saturday or Sunday 9am to 3pm	Ash and Campground Cleanup - Valley	Min Age 5 / Size 5-30	Yellow Pine Site B	10/26/2012	10/28/2012



Yosemite National Park

Group Volunteer Project Request Form 2012

Group Name: _____ Contact Person: _____
 Date Request Submitted: _____ Check here if this is a new contact person or address for this group
 Cell Phone: _____ Home or Work Phone: _____
 Email: _____ Address: _____
 Age(s) of Group: _____ Total Number of Volunteers: _____

If you wish to volunteer for more than one project, please fill out a separate sheet for each trip/project.
 We encourage you to list more than one project alternative, as your first choice may not be available.
 All group members will be required to participate in the volunteer work.

List preferred projects / dates/ **in order of preference:**

	Project Number OR requested Arrival/ Departure Dates	Project Work Date/s	Project Name / Type/location	Campsites needed?	
				Yes	No
1 st Choice	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2 nd Choice	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3 rd choice	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please use the space below to provide a brief description of the group's relevant skills or other notes:

Submit application(s) to:

Email (preferred): yose_volunteers@nps.gov	Mail: VIP Office Yosemite National Park P.O. Box 700 El Portal, CA 95318	Questions? 209-379-1850
Fax: 209-379-1853		

You will be notified via email upon selection.

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