

Indiana Dunes National Park Volunteer Service Description



Scout Ranger Program

Position Overview

The Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger program is a partnership between the National Park Service and the Boy Scouts of America. The program invites Scouts and Cub Scouts to participate in educational and/or volunteer service projects at national park sites. These activities spark their awareness of the national parks and provide Scouts with the opportunity to explore their national parks and learn more about protecting our natural and cultural resources. Scouts are awarded a patch after meeting certain requirements of the program.

Scouts and Cub Scouts (boys, girls, and young adults) can participate in the Resource Stewardship Scout Ranger Program through a troop, event, travel, or camp experience, and will be awarded a patch upon completion, which is based on the honor system.

Minimum Commitment

5 hours

Description of Duties

To earn a Scout Ranger Patch, Scouts should participate in organized education activities and/or volunteer service projects for a minimum of five (5) hours at one or more national parks.

1. Complete each of the following activities:
 - One [Drop-In Volunteering](#) program: Join a ranger as you complete various projects that will teach you about the natural and cultural resources of the park.
 - One [Interpretive Program](#): Join a ranger at an interpretive program. Indiana Dunes National Park offers over 400 interpretive programs and ranger-led walks and talks in various locations throughout the year.
 - Complete a [Junior Ranger Activity Guide](#), which can be picked up from the Dorothy Buell Memorial [Visitor Center](#) or printed out from our [Junior Ranger webpage](#).
2. Keep track of your activities. To receive your patch, present your completed hours to the Park Connection office or email us at indu_volunteer@nps.gov.
3. Most of all, have fun exploring our national park!

Knowledge/ Skills Desired

- Desire to explore our national park

Difficulty

Low to Average. Requires a combination of hiking, learning, and light field work.

Working Conditions:

Working outside. Volunteer should be prepared for the weather conditions.

Training / Preparation Required:

Training will be provided the day of volunteering by park staff.

Uniform: What to Wear and Bring:

To work in the field, we recommend the volunteers bring the following clothing and supplies:

- Appropriate footwear (no sandals or open-toed shoes allowed). Boots/shoes that provide ankle support.
- Long pants and long-sleeved shirt (light colored and tightly woven clothing may reduce exposure to insects)
- Raincoat and/or warm clothing as appropriate
- Hat
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Leather work gloves, impermeable latex/nitrile gloves, eye protection (safety glasses) (park will provide for use on project if required)