



VOLUNTEERS IN PARKS (VIP)

John Muir National Historic Site
Martinez, CA



Job Title: Biological Interns

Goal: The position of Biological Intern serves the public as a representative of the National Park Service, supporting the Agency's mission of understanding and managing the natural resources at John Muir National Historic Site.

Job Description

We are currently seeking interns to support operations and efforts of the park's natural resource management program area. The Biological Interns represent the Agency, along with the park Biologist.

Biological Interns may:

- Assist natural resource management projects and inventory and monitoring activities.
- Help collect field data and observations and report to park biologist.
- Remove non-native, invasive plant species.
- Assist with native plant restoration efforts.
- Help implement public outreach and education efforts to engage local communities in the park's natural resources.

Qualifications

- Professional and reliable.
- Basic outdoor field work experience, particularly in observing natural resources.
- Interest in learning and understanding the natural resources of the park.
- Ability to gain skills and knowledge of basic resource management techniques and procedures and field data collection methodology.
- Comfortable engaging visitors in both formal and informal ways.
- Comfortable interacting with people of diverse backgrounds.
- Willingness to work in varying weather conditions, hot summer and cold, wet winters.

Length of Commitment

Biological Interns are required to work at least 10 hours per month at the park for a minimum of 4 months. Students are required to work at least one academic term.

Benefits and Training

Each Biological Intern must complete training activities led by National Park Service Biologist prior to commencement of Biological Internship, including field data collection, and safety procedures. Biological interns may have the opportunity for specialized training if they wish to develop in their area of interest. Additional training will be offered throughout the year. Biological Interns will be invited to attend scheduled continuing education talks by local historians, authors, and other stakeholders, as well as field trips, to supplement their knowledge of park history and resources.

Expectations

For volunteers enrolled in an accredited high learning institution, arrangements may possibly be made to receive academic credit, transcript notation, or other compensations. It is the volunteer's responsibility to initiate this conversation and administrative process. John Muir National Historic Site does not provide housing or stipends for volunteer Interns.

All jobs will be performed within NPS policies and guidelines and with the attitude of “safety first, every job, every time.” Cultural, natural, and human resources will be protected. Visitors, NPS employees, partnering organizations, and others will be treated with respect and without discrimination based on age, ethnicity, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, handicap, or religion.

While volunteers are recognized as partners with the NPS in protecting the resources and providing for visitor experiences at John Muir National Historic Site, NPS has authority over the site and the decisions affecting the resources.

Dress Code

Biological interns will be required to wear NPS volunteer shirt, vest and/or jacket while working, to be provided by the park accompanied with clean, non torn or shredded pants provided by the intern. Per safety practices, Interns are required to wear long pants, close-toed shoes or hiking boots, hat or visor and sun screen on a regular basis.

Age Requirement

15 years or older.

Required Security Checks: Reference check.

Reports To

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