



Volunteer Job Description

National Park Service – San Juan Island NHP

Job Title: Native Plant Nursery Worker

Supervisor: Jerald Weaver, Chief of Integrated resources

Location: Throughout the park, but mainly at American Camp.

Project Duration: 1-2 month commitment preferred. 2 hours per week minimum.

Description of Duties:

Nursery Volunteers assist in propagating and maintaining native plants for prairie restoration activities. They help park staff with collecting, cleaning and sowing seeds; watering, weeding and organizing container plants; and cultivating native plants for ecological restoration activities. Nursery Volunteers may also assist with preparation, planting and maintenance at restoration sites throughout the park, or help with other related tasks on a seasonal or as needed basis. Work is performed under supervision of NPS staff.

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Benefits to VIP:

A deeper understanding of the park's role in preserving and protecting natural resources.

Goal/Outcome of Job:

The goal is to preserve and protect park natural resources and assist visitors.

Knowledge/Skills/Experience Desired:

- Ability to follow instructions and complete tasks
- Ability to perform work of a physical nature including pushing, pulling, lifting, carrying up to 20 lbs.
- Ability to stretch, bend, lift, walk and remain standing for long periods of time.
- Ability to identify safety needs and risks

Special Requirements: Safety

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) includes: first aid kit, sturdy work gloves and sturdy leather work boots. Individual volunteers are strongly encouraged to carry cellular phones whenever possible and practical in case of emergencies.

Safety considerations such as proper hydration, heat disorder, hypothermia, insect/animal bites & stings, and Lyme disease awareness should be discussed as appropriate given the work environment and season.

Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) will be available to the Volunteer for any specific trail maintenance projects and workshops in which they participate.