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National Park Service Announces Volunteer Opportunities at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS, CALIFORNIA-- Do you love Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks or national parks, in general? Do you have a skill you would like to share with others? Would you like the opportunity to communicate with people of diverse nationalities and cultures? Or, are you a student looking for an unpaid internship or service learning hours? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, consider volunteering at the parks. Volunteer opportunities are open in the following areas at this time: river rovers, campground hosts, videographers, photo/video organizers, outreach assistants, and public affairs assistants. The basic duties for each position are listed below. Some of the positions are suitable for volunteers of all ages, while other positions are open to adults only. Volunteers with access to government computers or other equipment will be required to undergo a background check. For more details and to apply, visit www.volunteer.gov. (Enter the keywords "Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.")

Volunteer River Rovers (*Three Rivers, CA*)--Promote river safety and help visitors enjoy natural wonders by:

- Roving river access points on foot, as assigned, to provide information to visitors about river hazards, safe enjoyment of the parks, recreational opportunities, ranger-led programs, etc.
- Staffing information booths, as assigned.
- Keeping count of visitor contacts and informing supervisor of patterns of visitor use/unusual conditions.
- Notifying park dispatch immediately by radio in case of an emergency or observed illegal or improper activity.
- *Other pertinent information:* Knowledge of languages in addition to English is desirable. Candidates must live within commuting distance of Three Rivers, CA. No park housing available.

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Volunteer Campground Hosts (*Various locations*)--Provide a quality camping experience for park visitors by assisting with operations at campgrounds by:

- Registering campers and helping them find campsites.
- Walking around the campground and educating campers about park and campground regulations, including proper bear-proof food storage.
- Providing information to visitors about recreational opportunities in the park and surrounding areas, including evening campfire programs and other ranger-led programs.
- Informing visitors of potential dangers in the park, with a special emphasis on river safety.
- Gathering information on visitor use and keeping the supervisor informed of problems in the campground.
- Notifying supervisor or law enforcement ranger if illegal activity is observed.
- Performing minor maintenance when directed, if qualified. Reporting all other maintenance problems to the campground supervisor.
- *Other pertinent information:* In exchange for work as a campground host, a free RV or tent site will be provided.

Volunteer Videographers (*Various locations*) – Help market the parks by:

- Creating podcasts and public service announcements for dissemination.
- Using video editing software to produce short video stories.
- Capturing scenic shots in the parks.
- Obtaining signed permission releases from visitors, as necessary.
- Continuing to expand knowledge of park resources through a variety of sources (reading, websites, and training).
- Attending safety tailgate sessions, ensuring safe work practices, and actively promoting workplace safety.
- Completing other duties or tasks as may be mutually agreed upon.
- *Other pertinent information:* Candidates must live within commuting distance of Three Rivers, CA. No park housing is available. Volunteer may drive a government vehicle, if the volunteer has a valid state driver's license.

Volunteer Photo/Video Organizers (*Three Rivers, CA*) – Help park staff and other volunteers find images/video by:

- Reviewing and organizing photographs to choose highest-quality images to upload.
- Scanning images, if necessary, and cleaning slides first.

Volunteer Photo/Video Organizers (*Three Rivers, CA*) - *Continued*

- Completing minor touchups of digital images before uploading the images onto a park server.
- Labeling photographs/videos, including use rights and copyright information.
- Using Adobe Photoshop Lightroom to upload photos on park server.
- Keeping an ongoing list of photographs/videos needed.
- Assisting with other photography projects, as needed. May be able to take photographs in the parks on an occasional basis. Must be willing and able to obtain signed photo permission releases from park visitors.
- *Other pertinent information:* Candidates must live within commuting distance of Three Rivers, CA. No park housing available. Volunteer may drive a government vehicle, if the volunteer has a valid state driver's license.

Volunteer Outreach Assistants (*Various locations outside/inside parks*) - Represent the National Park Service by:

- Greeting visitors at special events and other on- or off-site activities.
- Answering visitors' questions about Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and the National Park Service.
- Educating visitors about the parks through the use of various hands-on activities.
- *Other pertinent information:* Knowledge of languages in addition to English is desirable. Volunteer must provide his/her own transportation to/from event locations. Volunteer may drive a government vehicle, if the volunteer has a valid state driver's license.

Volunteer Public Affairs Assistants (*Three Rivers, CA, but some of the work may be done from an off-site location*) -

Help market the parks by:

- Writing news releases, articles, calendar items, public service announcements, webpages, social media products, scripts, or other communication tools.
- Developing hands-on activities for use by the public at various outreach events.
- Possible projects could include development of an electronic news media kit, a website about a topic of interest to the general public, development of a news release series highlighting various topics of interest (Wilderness Act 50th anniversary, nature or history, staff successes), an interactive exhibit for use in community events, contact lists, etc.
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