

Yosemite Volunteer Program – Position Description



VIP Title: Vegetation Drop-In Program **Division:** Resources Management & Science
Vegetation & Ecological Restoration

(VIP Office Use only: Position # #052)

Description of Duties: Volunteer will utilize non-chemical means to remove exotic (non-native) plant infestations under supervision of RMS Staff or Trained Crew Leader(s). Volunteer will use hand clippers, loppers, bow saws, shovels, weed wrenches or other appropriate methods including hand pulling to manually remove exotic plant infestations. VIP may also perform some basic restoration activities such as seed collection, fencing, mulching, seeding, watering, planting, decompacting soil, monitoring plantings, obliterating social trails or illegal campsites, or other restoration duties. Although not personally handling herbicides, volunteers will need to exercise care & follow directions from RMS staff or Trained Crew Leader when herbicides are used in the work area.

Length of Service, including start and end dates if applicable: Memorial Day – Labor Day, up to 3 hours

Work Schedule: Every Wednesday morning, 9am - 12pm

Work Location/Primary Duty Station: Meet at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Project will take place in the meadows and forested lands within walking distance.

Background investigation required? No

Qualifications/Eligibility: Volunteer must have the ability to learn to identify target plant species (native or non-native depending on task). When working on non-native plant removal projects, must be able to properly identify plants and safely use appropriate tools and techniques when removing exotic vegetation. When performing ecological restoration activities, must be able to plant native plants correctly so they survive in new area while safely using whatever tools necessary to perform the restoration related tasks. Work will take place outdoors and working conditions will be variable. Volunteers should dress appropriately for the work & weather, including work gloves, long pants, long sleeved shirt, eye protection, and sturdy shoes/boots etc. Work 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, allergens (i.e. pollen, dust, etc) and other hazards typical of outdoor work environments. Moderate physical exertion is required, potentially at high elevation. VIP should drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration, protect against exposure to elements (i.e. sunscreen, hat, protective clothing) and take breaks as necessary. Work will involve crouching, bending over, and lifting (proper bending and lifting technique should be used by VIP). Ability to lift up to 40 pounds or 1/3 body weight (whichever is less). Tools should be handled in a safe manner at all times. Volunteer should be aware of safety rules pertaining to the equipment utilized and maintain a "safety circle" when using tools. Damaged or unsafe equipment should be reported to the crew leader.

Benefits to Volunteer

Lodging: No lodging or camping provided

Other benefits: Training in plant identification, invasive plant removal and ecological restoration techniques, and basic hand tool safety will be provided. Training on how to operate a GPS receiver, map and compass may also be provided.

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Would you like to advertise for this position via the volunteer website? Yes No

Any other notes: Please wear long pants and close-toed shoes