



**SEQUOIA**  
PARKS CONSERVANCY



**U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers®**

## **2019 Lake Kaweah Volunteer Position Description**

### **Job Title**

Interpretation and Education Volunteer

### **Supervisor**

Heather Dumais, US Army Corps of Engineers Park Ranger

Email: Heather.M.Dumais@usace.army.mil

Office: (559) 597-2301

SPC Liaison: Krista Matias, SPC Programs and Volunteer Coordinator

Email: KristaM@sequoiaparks.org

Office: (559) 565-4251

### **Assignment**

Support the mission of the US Army Corps of Engineers at Lake Kaweah by providing assistance to the Interpretation Park Ranger for on-site presentations, supervising of guest presenters, and Visitor Center desk work. On-site programs will include curriculum-based education programs on topics such as science, engineering, art, music, water safety, etc. Needs may also include curriculum review and development. Visitor Center work will consist of talking with visitors and handing out educational materials. Other Interpretation duties may arise throughout our work together that your strengths may be perfect for. Past experience not necessarily required.

### **Duties**

- Assist Interpretation Park Ranger with presentations
- Visitor Center desk work
- Supervise guest presenters
- Customer service including talking with visitors and handing out materials
- If volunteer possesses applicable expertise and is willing, they may be asked to perform special duties

### **Qualifications**

- All ages welcome to apply, family volunteer arrangements possible
- Willingness to follow directions and show up on time
- Ability to work in hot temperatures with a smile



**SEQUOIA**  
PARKS CONSERVANCY



**U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers®**

- Ability to stand or sit for potentially long periods of time
- Customer service skills
- Public speaking skills
- Proactive and reliable attitude
- Volunteers must wear provided shirt
- Volunteer may need to provide personal transportation within project site
- Ability to safely lift/carry up to 45 pounds
- Volunteers are subject to evaluation

### **Work Locations:**

- Lake Kaweah (outdoors)
- Lake Kaweah Visitor Center (indoors)

### **Time Commitment:**

- Position timeline: May 1, 2019 - September 30, 2019
- Early morning shifts: 0600-1200
- Afternoon shifts: 1130-1800
- Night shifts: 1730-2200

### **Benefits to Volunteer:**

- Free USACE Terminus Dam Lake Kaweah day pass
- Volunteer t-shirt
- Appreciation gifts

### **Safety and Risk Management**

Our primary goal is for your safety. If you feel, for any reason, that your task is inappropriate or unsafe you have the right to refuse to engage in that activity. Please avoid hazards and situations for which you do not feel prepared or comfortable to enter.

### **Hazard Descriptions:**

Falls (slips, trips): Wear close-toed shoes with good traction and ankle support. Use caution when walking on uneven or unpaved trails.

Temperature (hot sun, cold nights): Be informed about the weather, wear clothing in layers, and avoid temperature extremes by seeking shelter in a more neutral environment such as shade or a building. Sunglasses, sunscreen, shade hat and warm cap are appropriate attire to pack.



**SEQUOIA**  
PARKS CONSERVANCY



**U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers®**

Visibility (early morning, evening, night time): Pack a flashlight and fresh batteries for twilight and night activities. Wear a reflective vest when it is provided for the activity. Stay out of roadways.

Weather Phenomena (rain, lightning): Bring and be prepared to wear a rain jacket, rain pants, and close-toed shoes with good traction. If lightning is present, immediately cease program or activity and find shelter inside a building or in a (grounded) location such as a car.

Dehydration: Please bring and drink at least 1-2 liters of water per day. Consider the temperature, level of physical activity and personal capacity for dehydration and take breaks as needed.

Wildlife encounters (black bears, biting insects, rattlesnakes, etc.): Keep a wide distance from all park wildlife, do not attempt to feed, pet, or relocate wildlife. If an unexpected encounter happens, notify your supervisor or park authorities immediately.

Heavy or awkward loads: Assess what needs to be lifted or moved. Separate big or bulky items into smaller, more manageable sizes or seek assistance. Use safe lifting and carrying techniques.

Feces/Human Waste: Do not attempt to touch or remove feces or human waste of any kind. If you come into contact with human waste, wash affected areas with soap and water immediately. Seek medical attention if symptoms arise.

Air Quality: Exposure to poor air quality has the potential to cause human health risks, especially for members of sensitive groups (the elderly, very young, pregnant women, and those with pre-existing health conditions) but prolonged exposure can produce health risks for members of all groups. As such, Air Quality Index (AQI) levels must be continually monitored, levels over 201 are considered Very Unhealthy. If you are experiencing difficulty breathing or other effects due to poor air quality, talk to your supervisor.

## **Volunteer Liability**

Volunteers provide their own health and auto insurance as neither is provided by the SPC or the USACE. SPC recommends that volunteers consider trip insurance. SPC and/or USACE does not reimburse volunteers for any losses incurred for unforeseen circumstances.

## **Please read the following statement carefully before signing:**

I hereby certify that the answers and other information on this application are true and correct and I understand any misrepresentation or omission of facts on my part will be justification for separation from the volunteer program. I understand that I will serve in a volunteer capacity and not as an employee. I understand that SPC or I may end my participation in the volunteer program at any time and no reason need be given for that separation. I authorize SPC and its agents to make investigations and inquiries of my personal and employment matters as may be necessary to determine eligibility and acceptance in the volunteer program.



**SEQUOIA**  
PARKS CONSERVANCY



**U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers®**

I agree to abide by the policies, procedures and requirements of SPC, The US Army Corps of Engineers, and the National Park Service and to support their mission in the parks. I understand that I may work with confidential or copyrighted material. I agree to keep such information confidential. If volunteering as a proofreader, writer or editor, I will not copy, reproduce or show any copyrighted materials to other individuals. I understand I am volunteering without compensation or expense reimbursement. I understand I am not covered by workers compensation while volunteering for SPC and that SPC does not provide any health insurance benefits for volunteers. Providing health insurance coverage is my personal responsibility.

I agree to allow photographs or video taken of me during the performance of SPC volunteer activities to be utilized by SPC for commercial or promotional purposes. I agree that any product, art or other work I create while a volunteer is owned by the Conservancy. I agree to allow my name to be acknowledged in publications that I have provided volunteer assistance for. I hereby agree to hold harmless and release SPC, the National Park Service, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and any individual or organization from any and all liability for damages in providing the information requested on this application form and on the background consent form. I hereby agree to hold harmless and release SPC, the National Park Service, the US Army Corps of Engineers, the SPC board of directors and staff and any individual or organization from any and all liability for damages or personal injury, including death for my participation as a volunteer. I have read this statement carefully before signing this application.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Return application to: Sequoia Parks Conservancy Field Institute  
47050 Generals Highway #10 Three Rivers, CA 93271  
Phone: 559-565-4251 Email: SFI@sequoiaparks.org