

San Mateo County Department of Parks

Individual Volunteer Agreement

The San Mateo County Department of Parks greatly appreciates your participation in programs and activities that support County Parks. We welcome volunteers of all ages, interests and abilities.

As a volunteer, you should understand and agree to the following before you perform any work in a County Park:

1. You are not a County employee and you will not receive any compensation for volunteer work performed.
2. Your participation is on a strictly voluntary basis. You are not required by any Park staff, or anyone else such as another volunteer, to do any work that does not agree with you.
3. No contract exists covering your work in the park between the County and either yourself or your organization.
4. The County does not carry workers compensation insurance covering you in the event of your injury while working as a volunteer within the park. However, the County does carry accident and health insurance for you, should you be injured as a result of your volunteer activities. If you injure yourself, report your injury immediately to your Volunteer Activity Leader. The Activity Leader will contact the County Park Ranger overseeing the project. In the event of an emergency, report directly to the nearest hospital. The Park Ranger will contact the County Park office and then provide you with the extent and type of insurance coverage available to you.
5. Do not attempt work that you do not understand or use unfamiliar and/or unsafe tools.
6. “Hold Harmless Agreement” The volunteer agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County and it’s officers, employees, servants and agents thereof from any and all claims, suits or actions for injuries to persons, including death, and damage to property of others, or of the volunteer, that may arise from or result in any way from the operation of this Agreement.

Photos of volunteer activities may be used for park publications including the website. If you do not want your photo used, please notify Park staff.

Please supply the information required below. Please sign your name in the space provided. Your signature indicates that you have read and agree to the foregoing points, including the Hold Harmless Agreement.

Volunteer’s Information (Please Print)

Name: _____
Phone: (____) _____
Street Address: _____
City / Zip Code: _____
E-mail address: _____

Emergency Contact Information (Please Print)

Name: _____
Phone: (____) _____
Address: _____
City / Zip Code: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Agreement. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between San Mateo County and me.

(For Park Use Only)

Park Ranger: _____

Name of Park: _____

Date: _____

Name of Volunteer Group: _____

(Volunteer’s Signature) Date:

If volunteer is a minor, signature must be that of a parent or guardian.

Copies: Top = Office (Park Unit)
Bottom = Park Volunteer