



Armstrong Redwoods State Parks Volunteers in Parks Program Duty Statement

Job Title: Mounted Assistance Unit (MAU)

Unit Supervisor: Park Unit Staff

Program Supervisor: Volunteer Coordinator

Time Commitment: Four patrol rides per year with flexible hours

Location: Armstrong Redwoods SNR and Austin Creek SRA

Purpose:

- Patrol the park(s) on horseback.
- Provide public information and interpretation of the natural and cultural history.
- Instruct and encourage visitors in safety policies and procedures.
- Assist park staff in surveying trail conditions, use, and potential problems.
- Assist park staff in securing medical assistance, search and rescue operations and trail maintenance.

Training:

- California State Park Volunteer Orientation training.
- Training rides with current MAU volunteers.
- Horse and rider testing.
- On-going docent enrichment opportunities.

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Research and develop knowledge of park operations, rules and regulations, history, emergency procedures, radio procedures, etc.
- Provide information to visitors and represent California State Parks in friendly, professional manner.
- Comply with standards of dress and grooming for Volunteers.
- Submit patrol report at conclusion of patrol.
- Schedule and report hours of volunteer service through established procedure.
- Notify Volunteer Coordinator of any changes in availability, illness, etc.
- Comply with all Volunteer registration paperwork requirements.
- Attend MAU required training and meetings.
- Refer to MAU rules and regulations for detailed rules and regulations.

Benefits:

- Opportunity to see and explore new areas.
- Opportunity to contribute to your community and provide valuable assistance to CSP.
- Opportunity to inspire park visitors by educating them about the natural and cultural history of the parks.
- Expand your awareness, understanding, sensitivity and appreciation of our rich natural and cultural history.
- Access to docent library.
- Earn park passes.

Knowledge/Skills desired:

- Must be 18 years of age to be a MAU member.
- You and your horse, must pass a series of practical tests set up to demonstrate horse and rider capability to work safely on trails alongside a variety of park users
- Possess a positive, enthusiastic attitude toward people.
- Possess good communication skills and make effective oral presentations.
- Ability to interact in a professional manner with visitors, staff and peers.
- Have the ability to work independently.

Essential Functions:

Horseback riding, walking or hiking on even or uneven terrain for extended or prolonged periods of time, working in a full range of environmental conditions, reading, listening, comprehending, speaking, sitting, standing, climbing, bending, stooping, squatting, gripping, lifting, carrying, pushing/pulling.

Signature _____

Date _____

Name (printed) _____