

Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District

Volunteer Duty Statement

Tide Pool Education

Sonoma Coast State Park

The purpose of this position is to foster awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the marine environment and to further the mission of California State Parks: “To provide for the health, inspiration, and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state’s extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.”

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Help primarily kindergarten through eighth grade students gain an understanding of the intertidal zones and tide pool animals
- Encourage students to be stewards of the sea and appreciate the marine environment and life therein
- Lead tide pool exploration
- Assist in the development and setup of tide pool activities
- Provide feedback to State Parks staff on classroom and field activities
- Complete a Live Scan (California State Parks can reimburse up to \$50 for Live Scan service)
- Wear provided name badge and California State Parks Volunteer patch while volunteering
- Keep track of volunteer time and record it in Better Impact or report it to the State Parks Volunteer Coordinator, the Stewards Volunteer Coordinator, or the Stewards Program Assistant

Skills and Qualifications:

- Good communication with students, school personnel, State Parks staff, and volunteers
- Willingness to learn about intertidal zones and tide pool animals

Time Commitment:

Dates and hours to be arranged; must be available during the school year (September to June) and during school hours

Training:

Attend Tide Pool Volunteer Orientation Training, complete the Bear in Mind EEO Training within 60 days of starting and subsequently every two years, and shadow experienced tide pool docents

Reporting:

The supervisor for this program is Visitor Services Program Manager, Tracy Weisberg. The lead for this program is the Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods Program Director. Amelia Schall Tůmová is the Sonoma-Mendocino Coast District Volunteer Coordinator (Amelia.Schall@parks.ca.gov).

Benefits:

Learn about the natural and cultural history of the Sonoma Coast and assist in educating the public and preserving the Sonoma Coast tide pools. As a volunteer with California State Parks, logging 40 hours of volunteer time earns a complimentary district pass, and 200 hours of volunteer time earns a

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complimentary VIPP statewide pass for the next year. Please contact Amelia Schall Tůmová about reporting volunteer hours and making a plan to receive your pass in a timely manner.

Conclusion:

The relationship between a volunteer and California State Parks must be one of mutual benefit. The Volunteer Service Agreement may be terminated at any time without cause and without advance notice.

If you willingly agree to perform all duties, please sign below.

State Park Volunteer Date

State Park Representative Date