



CABRILLO NATIONAL MONUMENT

Volunteer in Parks (VIP) Program

Tidepool Protection, Education, and Restoration Program (TPERP) Volunteer Service Description

Mission Statement:

To provide an inspirational experience for visitors in the rocky intertidal area while preserving the natural resources for the enjoyment and education of present and future generations.

Position Title – Tidepool Protection, Education, & Restoration Program (TPERP) Volunteer

Supervisor(s) – TPERP Coordinator Charlotte Wiggins

Work Location – Cabrillo National Monument.

Time Commitment – TPERP Volunteers must commit to a minimum of 8 hours a month per season. Low Tide shifts and Education Table shifts are generally split into 4-hour increments during the low-tide season, while Roving shifts are generally split into 2-hour increments. The duration for the TPERP low-tide shifts is 8 months, starting in mid-October and ending in mid-May. The duration for the TPERP Education Table and TPERP Roving is year-round and strongly encouraged.

Major Duties – Depending on the low-tide, roving, and/or education table tasks, TPERP volunteers will:

- Interact with and teach visitors about the rocky intertidal ecosystem and the plants and animals that live there.
- Inform visitors of applicable park regulations, including Zone 3 and Sea Cave area public closures.
- Communicate supply needs and updates to supervisor(s) as needed.
- Ensure a safe environment for staff, volunteers, and the public by adhering to safety and health regulations (See “Safety Considerations”).
- Sign up for shifts and log in appropriate hours in a timely manner.

Safety Considerations

- Ensure proper use personal protective equipment (PPE): appropriate uniform (see “Required Uniform”), sunglasses, and sunscreen and water to protect against the sun and elements.
- TPERP low-tide volunteers may be standing and walking in a very slippery and rocky shoreline area. Please walk slowly and carefully within this area. For those



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uncomfortable with slick areas, there is a great need for educators at the tidepool Education Table near Lot 1 and TPERP Rovers.

Benefits to Volunteers

- Work in one of the best-preserved intertidal areas in southern California.
- Attend volunteer appreciation events.
- Contribute to the health of the overall ecosystem of your community and your National Park.
- Take satisfaction in knowing that you are helping to preserve our nation's precious natural resources for the enjoyment of this and future generations.
- Gain unique insight into the daily operations of Cabrillo National Monument.
- Learn about Cabrillo National Monument and the National Park Service.
- Build and improve the community and your National Park.
- Meet volunteers from all around the park.
- Enjoy beautiful and relaxing views.

Qualifications (knowledge, skills, experience, ability)

- Be able to transport yourself to and from the park.
- Be fit for duty, as outlined in "Major Duties" and "Safety Considerations".
- Be reliable and committed.
- Be flexible to new ideas and collaborative efforts.
- Be willing to learn about the National Park Service mission, park regulations, and necessary information about the rocky intertidal ecosystem.
- Possess good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Possess the ability and desire to connect with visitors of all ages and cultures.

Required Uniform

- Provided by park: NPS Volunteer hat (broad-brimmed), short- or long-sleeve shirt, name badge, and windbreaker.
- Not provided by park: long pants (water resistant for low-tide shifts), close-toed shoes with strong grip/good tread.

Required Training/Certifications — All TPERP Volunteer applicants must attend and complete a New Volunteer Orientation, take an online interpretive course, complete the TPERP Virtual training, and 2 shadow shifts. All TPERP volunteers must complete at least 4 hours of Continuing Education every calendar year of service. Additional educational opportunities are provided and encouraged throughout the year.

New Volunteer Orientations will include:



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- Signing a Volunteer Service Agreement and Service Description.
- Creating a volunteer account.
- A self-guided tour of the park.
- Appropriate radio and safety trainings (refer to Job Hazard Analysis).

Required Personal Property (if any) – This position does not require the use of personal property, as all PPE will be provided by the park. If you are planning on bringing personal equipment, you must let your supervisor know in advance.

Authorized Reimbursements (if any) – This position does not include any authorized reimbursements. If supplies are needed, you can request them through your supervisor.



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SIGNATURES.

Volunteer Name: _____

Volunteer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (if applicant is under 18): _____

Parent Signature (if applicant is under 18): _____ Date: _____

Supervisor Name: _____

Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____