

# The Department of Parks San Mateo County

## Important Information for County Park Volunteers

San Mateo County / Department of Parks appreciates your effort to support our park facilities and our parklands as a County Park Volunteer. We welcome people of all ages and abilities.

There are several points that you, as a volunteer, should be aware of before you perform any work in a County Park. These are:

1. You are not an employee of the County and you will not receive pay or compensation for volunteer work performed.
2. All of your service will be on a strictly voluntary basis. You are not required by any of the park staff, or anyone else such as another volunteer, to do any work that does not meet your expectations.
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 representative for the project. In the event of an emergency, report directly to the nearest hospital. The County will contact you and provide you with the extent and type of insurance coverage available to you or you may contact the County thru the Department of Parks (650) 363-4020.
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.

If any of these points are unclear to you, ask a member of the Park Ranger staff to explain them.

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 and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Group or Agency Affiliation:

California Native Plant Society

I understand and agree to the points listed above  
Including the Hold Harmless Agreement;

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Volunteer's Signature)                      Date:

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

**Emergency Contact Information (Please Print)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Park Ranger Supervisor: John Trewin  
Name of Park: Edgewood County Park  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Copies: Top = Park Office  
Bottom = Park Volunteer