



Idaho Parks & Recreation Volunteer Program

The Volunteer Services Program supports the mission of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation which is to improve the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship. The Volunteer Services Program enriches the overall mission through recruitment, placement and utilization of quality, skilled volunteers, contributing to the improved quality of life in Idaho, serving both visitors and residents through increased outdoor recreation opportunities and resource stewardship.

Job Title: **Interpretive Host Volunteer**

Job Summary:

Interpretive hosts are the educational component of the park's services. Volunteers deliver scripted programs, augmented with research, and often have the most lasting impact on visitors. They may deliver programs to school groups, general park visitors and special use groups. Programs may be delivered at any and all times of the day and night depending on the educational opportunities within the park served.

Work Schedule:

To qualify as a host and receive a complementary campsite, hosts staying in the campground are required to work a minimum of 20 hours per week (including weekends and holidays) for a minimum of 30 days. All volunteers will have specific duties and scheduled times to work agreed upon by the Park Volunteer Supervisor and the volunteer, regardless of host status.

Benefits to Volunteer:

- A unique experience!
- Free campsite equipped with water, sewer and electricity if available
- Direct access to shower facilities in the campground
- State vehicle provided for work-related driving needs if available
- Worker's compensation, automobile liability insurance when using state vehicles, and tort claims insurance while on the job
- Complete orientation and job training
- Uniform provided
- Complimentary Park entrance permit to all Idaho state parks

Job Duties: (This is a general list of tasks to be performed; amount of time spent at each task will vary with each park and time of year; not all tasks are performed at all parks)

Program Preparation and Presentation:

- Lead informal talks
- Assist the seasonal staff or visitor services staff with programming at the park
- Research program topics or ideas

- Assist with the Junior Ranger program
- Provide evening campfire programs, nature walks or other interpretive activities
- Distribute program schedules to local businesses and in nearby campgrounds
- Assist with school group scheduling and programming
- Assemble displays and bulletin boards
- Develop and produce interpretive brochures (self-guided tour booklet or plant/animal checklists)

Visitor Services:

- Greet the public and answer questions
- Provide Park and local tourist information
- Answer two-way park radio
- Open and close facility, including alarm system, if applicable
- Assist with the park's lost and found system following established procedures

Fee Collection / Clerical Work:

- Assist at the Visitor Center with merchandise sales (if applicable)
- Use cash register and credit card machine
- Assist in collecting fees during special events
- Follow established IDPR cash handling procedures
- Perform clerical duties such as computer processing, writing/editing, and filing

Special Projects: Assist with special projects related to park operations. These projects can be structured to the volunteer's interests and talents.

To Apply:

Please locate the link to apply @ [Volunteering | Department of Parks and Recreation \(idaho.gov\)](#)

For further information contact the Volunteer Services Coordinator: Trish.hendrickson@idpr.idaho.gov