



Volunteer Opportunities:

Living History Program Assistant

Objective:

To develop a child's understanding and appreciation of the agricultural history of the Sacramento region through hands-on learning activities at Gibson Ranch County Park in Elverta, CA.

Responsibilities:

- Preparing materials and teaching basic farming activities such as gardening, woodworking, sewing, candle making, wheat preparation and baking
- May assist naturalists with preparation of materials for classes and gardening
- May assist naturalists with various needs of Parent/Teacher Workshops

Commitment:

One or two four-hour Ranch Programs per month. Programs are conducted on weekdays in the spring and fall.

Qualifications:

- Ability to work with and enjoy adults and elementary school children
- Willingness to learn farming activities and California history
- Willingness to develop and remain in character to help illustrate turn-of-the-century ranch life
- Able to stand for long periods of time and walk on uneven ground
Note: Programs are presented rain or shine, and the buildings are not heated or air-conditioned.
- Volunteers 18 years of age and older must be free from any arrest or conviction of any felony or misdemeanor offense involving violence, sexual or physical abuse of any adult or child, or any felony narcotic offense
- Volunteers are required to submit a set of fingerprints, before their first day of work, in order for the Parks Department to obtain related criminal records
The Volunteer Coordinator will provide information on how to meet this requirement.

Training and Preparation:

Volunteers can be trained by attending Parent/Teacher workshops, offered on Saturdays in spring and fall at Gibson Ranch County Park in Elverta, or by assisting staff with the preparation work for the programs. The Nature Center has a library, available for volunteers to use on-site to increase their knowledge.

Evaluation:

Volunteers are encouraged to meet with the Volunteer Coordinator or their supervisors whenever necessary to discuss situations which may arise. Periodic evaluations will be used to determine if his/her needs and those of the Nature Center are being met.

Supervisor:

Gibson Ranch Historical Interpretation Staff