



Volunteer Opportunities:

Maidu Village Worker

Objective:

The Maidu Demonstration Area includes Native American structures that serve as a setting for cultural demonstrations and day-long cultural heritage programs. Programs for school children and other organized groups are the main focus of the demonstration area and it is also used for public programs, teacher workshops and special events. Periodic refurbishing of the area is necessary to maintain its appearance and ensure the educational quality of the program.

Responsibilities:

Off site gathering of tule, soapstone, acorns and other natural materials for use in the Field Day Program. Preparing program materials and helping with the needs of the Parent/Teacher Workshop and the Maidu Field Day. Assist with maintenance of Maidu Village structures.

Commitment:

Varies widely depending on the needs of the program. Repairs to the tule huts and gathering materials are seasonal activities.

Qualifications:

- Interest in Native American culture
- Physically able to lift moderate to heavy material and perform physical labor
- Volunteers 18 years old 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 18 years old and older 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 for Task:

On site training is provided by the program supervisor. Field Day experiences, reading materials, and optional workshops can be used to supplement this training.

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.

Supervisors:

Maidu Cultural Heritage Program Interpreters