

ENJOY THE BENEFITS

- Gain new skills and knowledge
- Meet new and interesting people
- Receive informative newsletters
- Attend volunteer appreciation events
- Know you've made a difference

How to Become an Open Space Volunteer

- Visit our website
www.openspace.org/volunteer
- Find the program that interests you
- Submit an interest form online



The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

Created in 1972, the District is an independent special district that has preserved over 62,000 acres of public land and manages 26 open space preserves. The District's boundary extends from San Carlos to Los Gatos and to the Pacific Ocean from south of Pacifica to the Santa Cruz County line. The District's purpose is to create a regional greenbelt of unspoiled public open space lands in order to permanently protect the area's natural resources and to provide for public use and enjoyment.

For More Information

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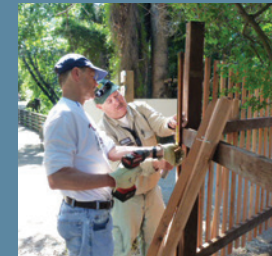


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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Become an

OPEN SPACE VOLUNTEER!



Provide for today,

CREATE A LEGACY

FOR TOMORROW!



Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District



PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE

- Put your skills to work indoors or outdoors
- Protect and restore critical natural resources
- Help conserve open space for the future
- Encourage appreciation and stewardship of open space
- Exercise your mind and body
- Expand your awareness of nature

OPPORTUNITIES

Outdoor Activity Docent

Share your knowledge and passion with others while leading hikes and rides on open space preserves. See the gleam of discovery in someone's eyes, and experience feelings of wonder and connection with nature.



The District offers a stimulating, in-depth docent training program.

You will learn and then inspire others about botany, geology, local history, Native American cultural history, "creepy critters," and more. All we ask is that you volunteer eight times per year for a minimum of one year. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Outdoor Education Leader

Work with a small group of school children in grades 3rd to 5th, guiding their discovery of nature and open space, by leading fun and exciting activities from the District's *Spaces & Species* outdoor education school field trip program. The District provides all the training and tools you need to be successful. If you are interested in this program, you must be available a minimum of two weekdays per month from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. during the spring and fall. Must be at least 18 years of age.



Nature Center Host

Get involved as an ambassador for open space while staffing the Daniels Nature Center on weekends. You will greet the public, share natural history information, and engage families with the exhibits. Some of the topics covered in training include biotic communities, history of the District, and how to lead a pond walk. Nature Center Hosts are asked to staff the Center one to two weekend days per month. The Nature Center is generally open during the months of April through mid-November. Must be at least 18 years of age.



Preserve Partner

Be on the front lines and get involved in trail maintenance and construction, tree planting, cleanup projects, and other important resource management activities.

The monthly field projects accommodate a variety of skills and physical abilities. District staff members provide tools and instruction. You can participate in field projects just once, or as many times as you like.

Trail Patrol Volunteer

Hike. Ride your bike. Saddle up your horse. Walk your dog. Hit the trail. Talk with visitors about trail safety and etiquette, provide information, and monitor trail conditions. The District asks for your commitment to volunteer an average of four hours per month for one year. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Special Project Volunteer

You don't have to work in the field to help! Do you have a special skill or interest? The District is always looking for help with everything from photography to community events and outreach. Projects accommodate a variety of skills and physical abilities.

