

ENJOY THE BENEFITS

- Expand your awareness of nature
- Gain new skills and knowledge
- Meet interesting people
- Receive informative newsletters
- Attend volunteer appreciation events
- Know you've made a difference
- Enjoy a great feeling of accomplishment

THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

Created in 1972, the District is an independent special district that has preserved nearly 56,000 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 FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about the District's open space preserves or programs, please call, write, or visit the District: Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, 330 Distel Circle, Los Altos, CA 94022-1404. The telephone number is 650-691-1200, and electronic mail may be sent to info@openspace.org. The Web site is www.openspace.org.

**"You make a living by what you get,
but you make a life by what you give."**

Winston Churchill

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Here's an invitation to be an . . .

OPEN SPACE VOLUNTEER

Midpeninsula Regional
Open Space District

Regional Open Space

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**
- **Plant for a greener future**
- **Exercise your mind and body**
- **Discover the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District**
- **Become an Open Space Volunteer!**

Energy and enthusiasm are all that's needed to become an Open Space Volunteer. Challenge yourself, explore new places, meet new people, and enjoy time spent conserving natural areas.

FIND YOUR NICHE

The District needs your help! There are a lot of opportunities for you as an Open Space Volunteer. What's your interest?

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, indepth 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.



Karl Gohl

Outdoor Education Leader



Don Weeden

Work with a small group of school children in grades 3rd-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.

Nature Center Host

Get involved as an ambassador for open space while staffing the Daniels Nature Center. You will greet the public, share natural history information, and introduce visitors to the District. You may also choose to lead discussions



about points of interest at the Nature Center, or engage people 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, 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m. (11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. late October through mid-November). The Nature Center is generally open during the months of April through mid-November.

Become an Open Space Volunteer!

The best way to get started is to visit our Web site www.openspace.org. If you find a program that interests you, you can sign up on-line by completing a Volunteer Sign Up Form.

For more information about any of the District's volunteer opportunities, please call 650-691-1200, or send an e-mail to volunteer@openspace.org.

Most programs require you to 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.



Steve Mather



Trail Patrol Volunteer

Hike. Ride your bike. Saddle up your horse and hit the trail. Talk with visitors about trail safety and etiquette, provide information, and monitor trail conditions.

During informative training sessions, learn how to handle emergencies and identify potential trail hazards.

The District asks for your commitment to volunteer an average of four hours per month for one year.

Special Project Volunteer

Select a project that matches your skills and interests. Showcase your talents in the office or in the field.

For example, you can research a preserve's history, make an inventory of plants or wildlife, answer phones, join a mailing party, or update maps. Most projects are suitable for flexible schedules. The possibilities are many!

