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Volunteer Position Description

Position Description: Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Southern Terminus Trailhead Host

Supervisor: Recreation and Lands Officer, Samuel Orozco

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Position Description:

The Pacific Crest Trail Southern Terminus Host position will last approximately 13 weeks between late February until about the end of May 2022. During this period the Terminus Hosts will be based at the PCT Southern Terminus trailhead, near Campo, CA, between 7am – 12pm, 5 to 6 days per week, working under field supervision of the Pacific Crest Trail Crest Runners. Protecting the PCT experience is dependent upon informing trail users of Leave No Trace information & reliable trail information. The PCT Trailhead Hosts serve as key members of the PCT team by providing visitor information & education, & compiling visitor use data. The hosts often serve as the first face-to-face contact for trail users & should possess strong communication skills & be customer service oriented. The hosts will provide information to trail users about regulations, leave no trace principles & trip planning. The hosts will also compile & maintain detailed visitor use data & records. The position will be primarily field-based & work in an outdoor setting in a variety of weather conditions. The hosts will follow enhanced safety protocols while volunteering during the COVID-19 pandemic. The position may be filled by one volunteer, but a pair is preferred.

Specific duties include, but are not limited to:

- Gathers and compiles visitor use data based on standard protocols
- Provides visitors with information about leave no trace principles including campsite selection, human waste management and dry camping considerations
- Provides information about the trail including trip planning, permit requirements, preparedness, and trail conditions
- Effectively communicates visitor use issues and management strategies to a wide and diverse audience, working closely with PCT staff and partners

Physical Requirements:

- Ability to hike up to 3 miles and lift and move moderate weight (50+ pounds)
- Weekend work is encouraged
- Requires the ability to work outside under adverse weather conditions up to five hours per day

Position Requirements:

- Must live within commuting distance of the Southern Terminus or accept the provided campsite amenities offered for the position
- Must have a personal vehicle for travel to and from duty station

Desired Qualifications:

- Excellent oral and written communication skills
 - Ability to communicate with large groups, as many people arrive at the Southern Terminus at one time
- Education and/or experience in natural resource management, recreation ecology, or similar field
- Experience hiking, backpacking and practicing leave no trace principles
- Familiarity with the Pacific Crest Trail
- Experience working independently in remote settings, in all weather conditions
- A demonstrated ability to engage diverse groups and build relationships to advance action toward goals



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- Data collection and management skills
 - Highly organized self-starter who can track, manage and report on multiple items with minimal supervision and successful completion.