

If you enjoy nature and working with people . . .

The National Park Service is looking for friendly and dynamic volunteers to help educate school children and staff our Visitor Center. There are a variety of interesting and rewarding opportunities, and training of new volunteers will start soon!

# Volunteer

. . . make a difference in your closest National Park!

*Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area*

## Help Kids Learn

*be an education volunteer*

our education programs

### Biodiversity ●

grades 3 & 4

*Would you like to teach your love of nature to children? We are looking for special people to teach elementary students about the Native people and how the biological diversity of the natural world was key to their survival in the Santa Monica Mountains! Volunteers will guide students through hands-on activities and lead a nature walk at Rancho Sierra Vista–Satwiwa, and they are needed on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. For more information, contact Mike Seacord at 805-370-2348.*

### SHRUBS & TREES ●

grades 5, 7 & 8

*Do you enjoy breathing fresh air, digging in the dirt, and working with children? Then join the team of teachers, rangers, parents, and students who are restoring native plant communities at Rancho Sierra Vista–Satwiwa in Newbury Park through the SHRUB (Students Helping Restore Unique Biomes) and TREE (Teens Restoring Endangered Ecosystems) education programs. Volunteer duties may include: leading hikes for students, assisting with hands-on natural history lessons, helping set up/clean up program equipment, preparing and maintaining restoration site (including digging holes, weeding, and watering), and providing instructions and guidance to students. Volunteers are needed on Thursdays from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm through June 11<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Stephanie Kyriazis at 805-370-2348.*

### PAL ●

grades 6–8

*If you have an interest in science and the environment, and you enjoy working outdoors with middle-school students, then join a team of rangers, retired teachers, and others who guide students through hands-on analysis of the air, soil, water, and trails (usually at Paramount Ranch or Solstice Canyon) as part of the PAL (Parks As Laboratories) program. Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm through mid-June. For more information, contact Cathie Dunkel at 805-498-0305.*

## Assist Visitors

*be a visitor center volunteer*

### Visitor Center

*Do you like to meet people of all ages, and do you want to learn and inform the public about the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, the local region, and other national parks? Then volunteering at the National Park Service Visitor Center in Thousand Oaks is for you! Visitor Center volunteers greet walk-in visitors, answer telephone calls, and provide information and assistance to enhance the experience of visitors. Other duties include selling books, passes, and other retail items, as well as organizing brochures and other materials. Volunteers are needed from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm or from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, weekdays or weekends. For more information, contact Marion Guthrie-Kennedy at 805-370-2311.*

### Fire Ecology ●

grades 9–12

*If the PAL program appeals to you, but you prefer working with high-school students, then our Studies of Wildland Fire Ecology program is for you! Volunteer needs and contact person same as for PAL.*

