

Yosemite Volunteer Program - Position or Project Description (circle one)

VIP Title: YOSE Ecological Restoration Volunteer (Be creative! Begin all titles with YOSE. (e.g. YOSE Camp Host, YOSE Assistant, etc.))	Division: Resources Management & Science Vegetation & Ecological Restoration
Purpose of Position/Project: (A statement of the need and reason for the position/project and the results or outcome desired.) This position works within the division of Resources Management and Science (RMS) in the branch of Vegetation and Ecological Restoration (VER). Volunteers will work on a variety of vegetation removal and ecological restoration related activities that will help restore and maintain the ecological integrity of Yosemite for present and future generations.	
Description of Duties: (Description of duties expected to be performed. Be as specific as possible. The list of duties will serve as a guide for ongoing action plans and progress reviews). Volunteer will utilize non-chemical means to remove exotic (non-native) plant infestations under supervision of RMS Staff or Trained Crew Leader(s). Volunteer will use hand clippers, loppers, bow saws, shovels, weed wrenches or other appropriate methods including hand pulling to manually remove exotic plant infestations. VIP may also perform some basic restoration activities such as seed collection, fencing, mulching, seeding, watering, planting, decompacting soil, monitoring plantings, obliterating social trails or illegal campsites, or other restoration duties. Although not personally handling herbicides, volunteers will need to exercise care & follow directions from RMS staff or Trained Crew Leader when herbicides are used in the work area.	
Qualifications/Eligibility: (The skills, experience and knowledge required to do the position/project. Qualifications should be very clear so potential volunteer(s) know if they are qualified for the opportunity. Include physical demands, citizenship/visa requirements, drivers license requirements, etc). Volunteer must have the ability to learn to identify target plant species (native or non-native depending on task). When working on non-native plant removal projects, must be able to properly identify plants and safely use appropriate tools and techniques when removing exotic vegetation. When performing ecological restoration activities, must be able to plant native plants correctly so they survive in new area while safely using whatever tools necessary to perform the restoration related tasks. Basic outdoor skills including use of a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver, maps and compass also recommended. Work will take place outdoors and working conditions will be variable. Volunteers should dress appropriately for the work & weather, including work gloves, long pants, long sleeved shirt, eye protection, and sturdy shoes/boots etc. Work involves hiking over uneven, potentially rocky &/or wet, slippery terrain. Potential hazards include exposure to scratchy or thorny vegetation, irritating vegetation (i.e. poison oak), biting or stinging insects, snakes, allergens (i.e. pollen, dust, etc) and other hazards typical of outdoor work environments. Moderate physical exertion is required, potentially at high elevation. VIP should drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration, protect against exposure to elements (i.e. sunscreen, hat, protective clothing) and take breaks as necessary. Work will involve crouching, bending over, and lifting (proper bending and lifting technique should be used by VIP). Ability to lift up to 40 pounds or 1/3 body weight (whichever is less). Tools should be handled in a safe manner at all times. Volunteer should be aware of safety rules pertaining to the equipment utilized and maintain a "safety circle" when using tools. Damaged or unsafe equipment should be reported to the crew leader.	
Length of Service: Varies depending on type of VIP Agreement (HaPY Drop-in vs. Long Term VIP Position). Work sessions vary in length from 2 to 8 hours depending on project needs.	
Work Schedule: Tuesday - Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm Work Location: Yosemite National Park, various locations (The number of hours/days the volunteer is expected to serve. Specify beginning and ending date of position/project, location and/or duty station.)	
Lodging: (Identify where volunteer(s) are to be housed. (i.e. shared housing, campground, backcountry, etc. Minimum time required to be considered for limited available government housing is 32 hours/week.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free campsite may be provided, if available. 	
Supervisor Name, Email, Phone Number: (Person responsible for writing position/project descriptions, recruitment advertisements (if necessary), submitting requests to the VIP Office, reviewing applications, responding to applicant(s), selection requirements, housing arrangements and supervision.) Name: Laura Elze Email: Laura_Elze@NPS.gov Division/Branch: Resources Management & Science Vegetation & Ecological Restoration Phone: (209) 379-1012	
Would you like to advertise for this position via the volunteer website? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Benefits to Volunteer: (Job training, park setting, personal satisfaction, housing, surrounding area information; recreational opportunities, camping, services, special events, etc. The park authorizes a discount card for food and merchandise for those donating 30 or more days of service and an entrance sticker for those donating 60 days or more). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training in plant identification, invasive plant removal and ecological restoration techniques, and basic hand tool safety will be provided. Training on how to operate a GPS receiver, map and compass may also be provided. • Free camping in Yosemite National Park National Park may be provided, if available. 	