

Volunteer Benefits

Earn a free California State Parks pass, attend our annual winter holiday gathering, attend our annual summer recognition potluck honoring volunteers, obtain CPR and First Aid certification for free, and join other volunteers and staff for meetings, field trips, trainings, and guest speakers.

Eligibility

Potential volunteers must be 16 years of age or older to volunteer at ARWEC. All volunteers must pass a background investigation. An average of 6 volunteer hours per month is required to fully participate in the volunteer program. ARWEC looks for volunteers that are comfortable speaking in front of groups, work well independently and with others, and enjoy opportunities to actively learn.

Interested?

If you would like more information about volunteer opportunities at the American River Water Education Center, contact the ARWEC Volunteer Coordinator at:

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Location: 7785 Folsom-Auburn Road
Folsom, California 95630

United States Bureau of Reclamation Mission Statement

The mission of the Bureau of Reclamation is to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public.

American River Water Education Center Mission Statement

The mission of the American River Water Education Center is to increase the public's knowledge of the American River watershed, both the natural features and human interactions within the watershed. Emphasis is placed on increasing the public's understanding of the water cycle and watersheds, how individuals can actively participate in resource conservation, and on Folsom Dam's multiple roles in meeting the needs of urban, industrial, agricultural and natural systems.

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Central California Area Office American River Water Education Center



Volunteer Opportunities



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Mid Pacific Region

Volunteer Positions At ARWEC

Greeter

Volunteers welcome visitors and groups to the American River Water Education Center (ARWEC), answer general questions, provide directions and information, answer and direct incoming phone calls, and work on various small projects.

Center Guide

Volunteers lead groups through the exhibit hall. Program focus is on the water cycle, the American River watershed, water allocation, and water conservation.



Development Assistant

Volunteers assist staff in the development of exhibits, brochures, information sheets, educational programs, and related materials. Experience in graphic design, K-12 curriculum, or interpretation is a plus.

Schoolhouse Instructor

Volunteers conduct educational programs and activities. Program focus is on water conservation, the water cycle, hydroelectricity, the forms of water, and water allocation.



Lake Assistant

Volunteers assist Lake Guide with Beals Point/Folsom Lake Program. Tasks include helping maintain crowd control, displaying and carrying interpretive materials, and attending to visitors' needs. Program focus is on the varying features and information relating to Folsom Lake. Volunteers may also opt to lead Lake Programs.



Garden Assistant

Volunteers assist groundskeeper with maintenance of Water Efficient Landscape (WEL) demonstration garden. Such activities may include pulling weeds, pruning plants, spreading mulch, and other special projects.



Special Events

Volunteers assist staff at special events by setting-up for events, staffing information and activity booths, and answering questions from visitors. Events may include: Creek Week, Walk on the Wildside, Earth Day, Harvest Day, the Salmon Festival, or our annual Get W.E.T. Event.”

