



RIVER STEWARDS VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

General Description

A River Steward is a trained volunteer who is instrumental in maintaining the San Joaquin River Parkway. River Stewards are the driving force of the River Parkway Trust's Land Stewardship programs, which include habitat restoration, removal of invasive plants, trail maintenance, and river cleanups.

Projects

Exotic Species Removal – This project deals with removing invasive species such as Scarlet wisteria and Arundo. The workload is medium to heavy duty. It involves stooping, kneeling, digging, pulling, and carrying loads and may involve crossing the river or working in the river. May involve hiking in uneven or steep terrain to work site or travel by canoe to work site. Work involves travel through undergrowth.

Habitat Enhancement – These projects deal with revegetation at disturbed sites with native plant species. It involves stooping, kneeling, digging, pulling, and carrying loads and may involve crossing the river or working in the river. May involve hiking in uneven or steep terrain to work site or travel by canoe to work site. Work involves travel through undergrowth.

Trail Maintenance, Erosion & Vandalism Repair – These work days involve our River Stewards clearing weeds and brush from the trails along the river (including Woodward Park's Eaton Trail) while picking up litter, repairing vandalized property and correcting eroded pathways from the banks.

Various Projects – Often River Stewards will be called to take on projects at the River Center and throughout the 22 miles of river that the River Parkway Trust protects/restores. The River Parkway Trust will provide detailed project descriptions as project needs arise.

Duties, Responsibilities and Expectations

- Monitoring properties during service, removing trash and debris from the property, checking road gates and signs for damage, and reporting problems to the Project Manager.
- Maintenance of trail sections, recreation facilities, and wildlife habitat restoration projects, as applicable.
- Reporting obstructions and debris in the river (if applicable).
- Bring appropriate gear: sunscreen, brimmed-hat, closed-toed shoes, long garments, tools (if applicable) and plenty of water.

Qualifications

- Enthusiasm and passion for working with and protecting the environment
- Interest in outdoor work
- Team work experience
- Leadership experience
- Can supply some amount of manual labor

Personal Gains from Participation

Becoming a River Steward is a great way to spend more time at the river, and provides many opportunities to learn more about this wonderful resource. A tremendous amount of satisfaction can be gained by helping to protect and restore the San Joaquin River.

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