

Make a Difference!



The California State Parks mission: To provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.

To become a docent you need:

- A positive, enthusiastic attitude about history & people
- Willingness to share your skills and knowledge with visitors
- To donate a minimum of seven hours per month for one year after completion of training

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Becoming a State Indian Museum Docent

What is a docent?

Docents are highly trained volunteers who interpret cultural, natural, and recreational resources for visitors to California State Parks. One of the most rewarding and challenging aspects of becoming a docent is the opportunity for ongoing education. Each docent is encouraged to add his or her own unique and individual approach and experiences. Because docents are trained to enhance the educational experience of visitors, they provide a valuable service to tourists and school children alike.



What do docents do?

- Answer questions, provide exhibit interpretation, and guide school groups
- Conduct outreach classes for local schools
- Demonstrate Native skills and participate in skills activities
- Provide assistance at special events
- Conduct research and coordinate special projects



Docent training includes:

- A comprehensive look at California Indian history & culture
- In-depth study of the art of interpretation

Whether you know very little or a lot about California Indian culture and history, you will have the opportunity to learn more and share it with our visitors. To help you feel



comfortable with this complex subject, 6-8 weeks of special

training (3 hours per week) will be provided. In addition, the State Indian Museum has a reference library continued learning.

Periodic field trips to Native events and culture sites provide additional experience; there are also fun and educational social events throughout the year.



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