

INSIDE STORY: VOLUNTEERS

Name _____

Date _____ Park _____



Volunteering in a Florida State Park is a great way to get involved and help the Florida Park Service carry out its mission:

Mission:

Provide resource-based recreation while preserving, interpreting and restoring natural and cultural resources.



Florida Park Service volunteers serve the parks in many different ways. You may see them in different places throughout the park, such as leading a tour or performing maintenance on a boardwalk.

Did you know there are four types of volunteer services? As a Junior Ranger, you may be able to apply yourself to one or more of these types! Learn about them below.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?



Let's break it down.

Individual Volunteers contribute to Florida's state parks in a variety of ways. They may greet visitors, conduct tours, assist with special events, help Park Rangers remove exotic plants or maintain the natural beauty of a beach, waterway or trail.

Campground Hosts are volunteers who aid park staff in the maintenance and care of state park camping areas. They answer campers' questions, help with cleaning restrooms and are available for late-night emergencies.

Group Volunteers can be a family, community or student group including civic clubs and organizations which sometimes support annual events. Groups can adopt trails, portions of a park or even an entire park.

Youth Volunteers are volunteers under the age of 18 (this means you). Youth volunteers are encouraged to apply and join a volunteer team to engage in a variety of fun activities which protect and serve Florida State Parks.



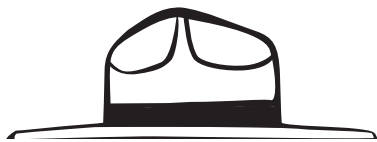
There is more this way!



SERVICE ACTIVITY

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Find out more about what it takes to be a volunteer in the Florida Park Service. Pair up with a volunteer at the park you are visiting today and ask them the following interview questions as if you were writing for your own newspaper. Then share your interview with a relative!



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TODAY'S DATE IS _____

EXTRA! EXTRA! VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN FLORIDA STATE PARKS

Today I'm interviewing _____
(who)

They have been a volunteer for _____
(months or years)

As a volunteer, it is his/her job to _____
(work duties)

They chose to volunteer for the Florida Park Service because _____
(how the parks inspire them)

_____. What they love most about

volunteering is _____
(favorite things about volunteering)

For those interested in volunteering for the Florida Park Service, _____
(name)

encourages others to _____
(advice they would like to give)

Do you or a parent or guardian have a camera or smart device with a camera? With your parents' permission, take a picture with the volunteer you interviewed and share it on Instagram.

Use the hashtag in your post!



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