



## WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO AT MONTEREY STATE HISTORIC PARK?

### CUSTOM HOUSE GIFT SHOP

As shop clerk you meet many travelers to Monterey and assist them in the store and with general information about our park and historic city. The museum store is our number one revenue generator. Sales revenue is directed to support student educational programs and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trips to the park. (am or pm shift; 9:45 – 1:00 or 1:00 – 4:15)



### WALKING TOUR GUIDE

On days when staff aren't scheduled, Volunteers offer historic walking tours at the north end of the historic downtown district. Tours last about an hour and provide a fun, educational experience for our visitors from around the world. (10:45am – 2:00pm)



### STEVENSON HOUSE

In Robert Louis Stevenson House volunteers assist visitors at a walk-through exhibit on the Scottish author's life, including his visit to Monterey in 1879. Open Saturdays April through October. (1:00 – 4:00pm)

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Volunteers assist with occasional special events wearing 19<sup>th</sup> Century period clothing (which we loan) and instructing at games and activity tables at various park locations during Christmas in the Adobes, History Fest, and July 4<sup>th</sup>, to name a few.



### SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Monterey State Historic Park offers school programs for field trips and volunteers really help! School programs feature "hands-on" activities that comply with academic content standards. The kids have fun learning at MSHP! (8:30am to noon)

### VOLUNTEER DANCERS

Dancers perform at park venues and represent MSHP at festivals and events.



### MUSEUM Docent

Docents assist with interpreting Custom House and Monterey history on days of the week when staff is not scheduled. (am to pm shift; 10am – 1 pm or 1pm – 4pm)

Monterey State Historic Park appreciates our volunteers with special field trips, BBQs, free lectures, and park passes given to volunteers for hours donated. All volunteer candidates must pass a LiveScan background check prior to serving.

**To Volunteer, contact [Michael.Green@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Michael.Green@parks.ca.gov) or call 831-649-7172**

## The Benefits of Volunteering at Monterey State Historic Park

We recognize that without the help of volunteers, Monterey SHP could not provide the level of service that our guests deserve. We are a close-knit family of staff and volunteers who work together and have a common love of history, preservation and who share their love of Monterey. Some of the benefits of volunteering at MSHP include:

- **Annual Volunteer Appreciation BBQ** – Once a year the park staff pays their respects by cooking and serving a lunch in the Memory Garden. Volunteer awards and gifts are presented and outstanding volunteer service is recognized.
- **Quarterly Volunteer Socials** – Every three months volunteers gather for a social pot-luck evening after the park closes. Staff opens up one of several historic adobes for the occasion.
- **Free Lectures on Historic Topics** – Each August the Robert Louis Stevenson Club hosts a lecture at Stevenson House, complete with a social hour and refreshments. Topics range from the life of Stevenson and the people in Monterey he befriended, to readings and dramatizations of his works.
- **California State Parks Passes** – Volunteers who provide a minimum of 72 hours in a calendar year receive a District-wide pass, good for day use at Monterey District parks, including Point Lobos and Big Sur. Those who either serve on the board of the Monterey State Historic Park Association, our non-profit support group, or those who provide a minimum of 120 hours of volunteer service receive a State-wide pass good for day use throughout California.
- **Tax Benefits of Volunteerism** – Those added expenses that go along with donation your time and services as a volunteer for California State Parks might be deductible when filing your taxes, as long as you keep a good written record. Generally, out of pocket expenses accumulated while serving a “qualified organization,” such as a government agency or a non-profit organization, can be deducted as a charitable contribution. (Coordinate with your professional tax preparer to determine if your expenses qualify).
- **People Who Volunteer Live Longer** –Volunteers who feel it is important to help others have happier, healthier lives. These altruistic volunteers live longer than those who don't lend a helping hand, according to several studies, because of the sense of calm and well-being that service to others provides.