

Volunteering at Año Nuevo State Park



Why be a Docent?

Being a docent at Año Nuevo is a unique and extraordinary experience. Docents learn to interpret the natural and cultural history of the Park and its wildlife preserve and contribute to the inspiration, education and enjoyment of Park visitors. Año docents enjoy a strong sense of giving to the community while also promoting conservation and stewardship.



Benefits

- Free comprehensive training course taught by experts in their field.
- On-going educational opportunities via our Docent Enrichment Program consisting of guest speakers and field excursions covering a wide variety of subjects.
- Earn free local and statewide park passes.
- Meet people with common interests and make friends in a beautiful outdoor setting.
- Get exercise and spend quality outdoor time in a pristine hiking park with abundant wildlife.
- Spend time in a primary Elephant Seal Rookery amongst one of nature's most intriguing species.

For more information, visit
www.parks.ca.gov/anonuevo

email: ano.volcoordinator@parks.ca.gov
or call: (650)879-2029

Becoming a Docent

Año Nuevo volunteers attend a ten-week training program to become docent naturalists skilled in interpreting the natural and cultural history of the area. Año Nuevo docents lead guided walks during the winter elephant seal breeding season and provide roving naturalist interpretation to the public in the spring, summer, and fall. Join our family of naturalists and enjoy the many benefits of being a volunteer at Año Nuevo State Park.

Commitment

- Volunteer Training: Classes are held from September through mid-December at Año Nuevo on Wednesday evenings as well as field trips on some Saturdays.
- Guided Tours: Docents work two eight-hour shifts each month during the winter guided walk season which runs from December 15th through the end of March.
- Roving Season: Docents work two half-day shifts or one full day shift per month from April through November, serving as roving naturalists in the wildlife preserve, greeting visitors and answering questions in the field.



AÑO NUEVO DOCENT APPLICATION (Please print)



Full Name

Address (Street, City, Zip Code)

Home Phone

Work Phone

Email address

Briefly list past and present work experience.

List volunteer services and special qualifications/skills. Briefly list training and education.

List interests and hobbies.

List any existing health or medical conditions that would limit outdoor physical activity.

List your available days of the week.

How did you find out about this program? When was your last visit to Año Nuevo?

“Connecting park visitors to the natural and cultural resources of Año Nuevo State Park by awakening curiosity, enhancing excitement, and inspiring further learning”

Email or Mail Application to:

Docent Coordinator
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