Yes! I would like to become a State Park volunteer. To get started, complete the information below and drop at the Visitor’s Center or mail to:

Volunteer Coordinator
Old Town San Diego State Historic Park
4002 Wallace Street, San Diego, CA 92110

Phone: 619.220.5422

I would like to volunteer in:

1. **SOAPMAKING.**
2. **PERIOD DANCING.**
3. **SPINNING/WEAVING.**
4. **TIN TYPE PHOTOGRAPHY.**
5. **PASSIONATE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.**

AND MANY MORE!

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**Website Links:**
- www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego
- www.facebook.com/oldtownsandiego
- www.twitter.com/oldtownsandiego

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Why Volunteer at Old Town?

Come be part of history! Old Town San Diego State Historic Park was established to preserve and celebrate the very diverse and dynamic history of early San Diego as it evolved from a Mexican pueblo to an American frontier town between 1821 and 1872.

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park attracts millions of visitors from around the world every year. Our volunteer program, part of the California State Parks’ Volunteers in Parks program, provides opportunities for meaningful service in preserving our heritage and presenting quality programs for the community and our many visitors.

Living History Volunteers help immerse visitors in the sights and sounds of the past. They allow visitors to access the memories, stories, and traditions bringing them to life in and memorable ways.

Who Can Volunteer?

We encourage you to volunteer in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, no matter what your background.

- Interested in community service?
- Have an appreciation of history?
- Curious about early San Diego?

Share your skills and/or learn new ones. Your contribution matters and you can make a difference!

What Can You Do?

Do you have a love of storytelling, a love of clear vivid language, and a respect for history? Consider:

- Being a costumed tour guide
- Being a living historian
- Being a shopkeeper in the park store

Love to work in a garden, have knowledge of heritage plants, or an interest in herbal remedies? Consider:

- Assisting in the historic gardens
- Maintaining the park landscaping
- Leading garden tours
- Talking about the historic uses of the plants

Do you know or have you always wanted to learn a traditional skill from the 1800s? Consider:

- Cooking or food preparation
- Spinning or weaving
- Sewing or quilting
- Knitting or crocheting
- Washing or ironing
- Blacksmithing
- Printing
- Carpentry

Volunteer Training.

Your journey as a volunteer begins by attending an orientation session. Subsequent training and development opportunities will vary depending on your skills and interests. Basic training provides a foundation of historical information and communication skills needed by all volunteers that will be interacting with the public. Mentoring, historic skills training, field trips, and lectures, in addition to your individual study and research, will be part of your development. Participating as a volunteer at Old Town San Diego State Historic Park will be a fun, and hopefully, life long learning experience.

Enjoy the leisure arts? Consider:

- Storytelling
- Period music
- Period dancing
- Playing historic games

Prefer to be behind the scenes? Consider:

- Museum collections & exhibit maintenance
- Period attire fabrication and repair
- Hand-crafted product development and production
- Administrative duties