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Lake Oroville Visitor Center plans 150th Celebration Open House To attract new volunteers

On Saturday, February 1, the Lake Oroville Visitor Center is having an Open House for prospective volunteers from 1:00PM to 3:00PM.

California State Parks is celebrating our 150th anniversary in 2014, so this is the year for all of our volunteers to be a part of history!

Cyclists, equestrians, hikers, even campers can become trained and approved as State Park volunteers and help us to manage, clean, and patrol our grounds.

Many of our volunteers dress in pioneer costume and help us to host a gold rush celebration while others have chosen to learn the values and practices of California Indian culture and help us to host a Native Ways Celebration.

We have a real need for teachers to conduct educational programs and for professionals to assist in managing our nonprofit cooperative association.

The public is invited to stop by and see how interesting and fun it is to share your experience and knowledge with visitors from down the road and around the world. We invite you to stop by the Center at 917 Kelly Ridge Road above the dam to sign up this week and reserve a place in our program.

Our three week training program certifies volunteers so that at the end of the year they can earn a Free Pass to enter all Northern Buttes District State Parks! Time commitments are modest, only eight hours each month, but you must begin with this initial orientation.

Park interpreters and volunteers are hosting the event to attract area residents to become involved with the thirty–four-year-old State Park Volunteer program at the Visitor Center.

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Some of our volunteers saddle up and ride our trails to earn a parks pass, while others ride our trails on their mountain bikes, and some lead nature walks to earn the same credit.

Some of our volunteers are camp hosts who answer questions, solve problems, and assist the public camping on our grounds. They can RV with us for six months without paying a fee!

With extra training, some of our volunteers are charged with the responsibility to inspect and monitor historic and prehistoric cultural sites that are within the Park grounds.

Our volunteers are community ambassadors to the world. You already know what makes Oroville special. It's fun to share what you know.

Celebrate our 150th anniversary with us! You'll learn more about the natural and cultural history around us, about State Parks, and all the recreational opportunities at Lake Oroville SRA. This experience will make a difference in your life and in our community.

The responsibilities of some of these positions mandate a background check.

All of our programs are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you need specific accommodations, call us at 530-538-2219.

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Note attached photos:

State Park Volunteers who are trained and approved can patrol Lake Oroville trails for the Mounted Assistance Unit. Isano, Mego, and Farrell Savage enjoy the outdoor experiences, the camaraderie of fellow riders, and the people they meet on our trails.

(Caption for attached photo with horses)



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Caption for photo with ladies in bonnets:

Lake Oroville volunteers Sandy Bolt and Ruthann Rackerby in gold rush costumes show area youngsters how pioneers used to weave by hand.



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