

Hello Prospective Park Volunteer—

We are excited about offering a training class this fall for people interested in becoming visitor center volunteers at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park! I am contacting you because you have expressed interest in being a part of this training, and I'd like to know if you are still interested. As you may know, the time commitment is substantial, but the rewards are great.

Our volunteers take pleasure and pride in helping park visitors discover and explore Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, and in being part of a team (including park rangers, interpreters, other staff, and our cooperating association, Anza-Borrego Foundation) that provides excellent service to the public.

The staff of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park invests considerable time and energy in training park volunteers, through a combination of classroom instruction and field trips, to be able to give good information to the visiting public, and the ideal volunteer is eager to invest his or her time in learning about this amazing park as well.

Our award-winning visitor center is a fun place to work, and volunteers are expected to contribute at least 48 hours of “floor duty” time each year, for a minimum of three years, as well as fulfilling other requirements on an annual basis that are designed to keep you learning more about the park and its partners.

The 80-hour training class will be held over six weekends this November and December, with Friday afternoon classroom sessions being held in the Visitor Center Discovery Lab, and all-day field trips on Saturdays.

If you are interested in being a member of this year's Park Volunteer Class, please let me know, and add these dates to your calendar:

**Fri-Sat:** November 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, and 22-23, and December 6-7 and 13-14.

The training schedule will be followed by 16 hours of on-the-job training in January.

I look forward to hearing from you, and to helping you become a valued member of our visitor center team and park family!

The [Standard Volunteer Application \(DPR 208H\)](#) can be filled out and returned to the Visitor Center or mailed to:

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