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State Parks to Host Training Opportunities for Volunteer Archaeological Stewards

Tahoma, Calif.—On the weekend of June 21-22, 2014, California State Parks will host a training workshop offered by the California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP) for volunteer archaeological site stewards at the [Ed Z'Berg-Sugar Pine State Park](#). CASSP was started in 1999 by the nonprofit Society for California Archaeology, and has provided training for over one thousand people since that time. Participants come from all ages and backgrounds. They receive training about safety, laws that protect archaeological and historical resources, Native American perspectives, how to be a good witness, and how to interact with other members of the public that they could encounter while on their site stewardship visits.

“Volunteers provide additional eyes and ears in the field, and their findings help State Parks be better stewards of the people’s natural and cultural resources,” said Scott Green, Associate State Archeologist, California State Parks.

Site stewards who volunteer in the California State Parks Sierra District will enroll in the [California Volunteers in Parks Program \(VIPP\)](#), and will regularly visit assigned historic and prehistoric sites, and report their observations to State Park archaeologists and law enforcement officers. Volunteer site stewards are located in many other areas of California besides the Sierra District. They watch hundreds of sites on public lands administered by the National Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and National Park Service. Site



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stewards focus on behavior that impacts sites which contain archaeological or historical resources, but they also report when they observe other types of illegal activities that may injure other visitors or damage other Park resources.

For the June 21-22 training workshop, you must pre-register and pay a workshop fee of \$25. Register by sending your name, phone number and email address to Beth Padon, CASSP Coordinator, at (562) 427-3474 or bpadon@discoveryworks.com. Space is limited. The workshop fee will be collected at the door. For more information, visit www.cassp.org.



Pine Lodge-Hellman-Ehrman Mansion Ed Z'Berg-Sugar Pine Point State Park-Tahoma, CA

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