

Campground Host Program

Shasta-Trinity National Forest



Wanted: Volunteers to work and to live at a National Forest Campground. Opportunity to meet different people, to learn about an area and to serve the nation's public. Must enjoy the outdoors and like helping people.

How do Campground Hosts serve campground users?

1. They offer information and explain regulations, such as the campground fee system. They answer questions on local attractions, activities, and current roads, trails, and fishing conditions. They also provide information on local services such as gas stations, stores, and medical facilities.
2. Performs minor maintenance on campground facilities. Campground Hosts also do limited campsite cleaning and help keep the campground litter free.
3. Refers visitors who need help to the proper Forest Officer.
4. Participates in interpretive programs and maintaining message centers and bulletin boards.

What sort of people become Campground Hosts?

Although Campground Hosts are of different ages and backgrounds, they are friendly, cooperative, and like to help others. They enjoy the outdoors and are eager to learn and to share knowledge about their forest area. Campground Hosts must be at least 18 years of age and supply their own camper, trailer, etc. Many Campground Hosts are retired persons who enjoy spending their summers in the mountains.

Campground Hosts do not pay camping fees, and may be reimbursed by the Forest Service for some

incidental expenses. Campground Hosts are covered by work injury compensation and the Federal Tort Claims Act.

The satisfaction of helping both the National Forest and its visitors is the Campground Host's greatest reward. By their presence, Campground Hosts minimize vandalism thereby saving the taxpayer many dollars in upkeep and property damage. There is no substitute for the personal touch that makes a camper feel welcome and "at home." Who else can inform a visitor when and where the fish bite best? Campground Hosts meet visitors from all walks of life, and often fellow campers become lasting friends. Many Campground Hosts and campers return to the same campground year after year, sharing stories of new grandchildren, winter activities and old memories.

What are some of the benefits of hosting for the Forest Service?

Campground Hosts have access to free firewood, water and septic hook-ups and Campground Host clothing.

How can you become a Campground Host?

Fill out the registration form on the reverse side of this notice and send it to:

**USDA Forest Service
Weaverville Ranger Station
P.O. Box 1190
Weaverville, CA 96093**

Prospective Volunteer Registration

Name (Print - Last
Address (Street

If under 18 years of age, give name of parent or guardian

Address (Street

Circle highest level of education completed:

Elementary School: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

High School: 9 10 11 12

List special qualifications and skills, if any, in Agriculture, Horticulture, Engineering, Historical, etc.

List all training received, if any, including hours:

Briefly describe past and present employment:

List interests and hobbies:

List any previous volunteer services, including dates and/or comments:

List volunteer work interests:

Show area of availability (National Forest, State, etc.):

Circle days of week of availability and show hours:

Days: Sunday

Monday

Hours: _____

Signature:

Date: