



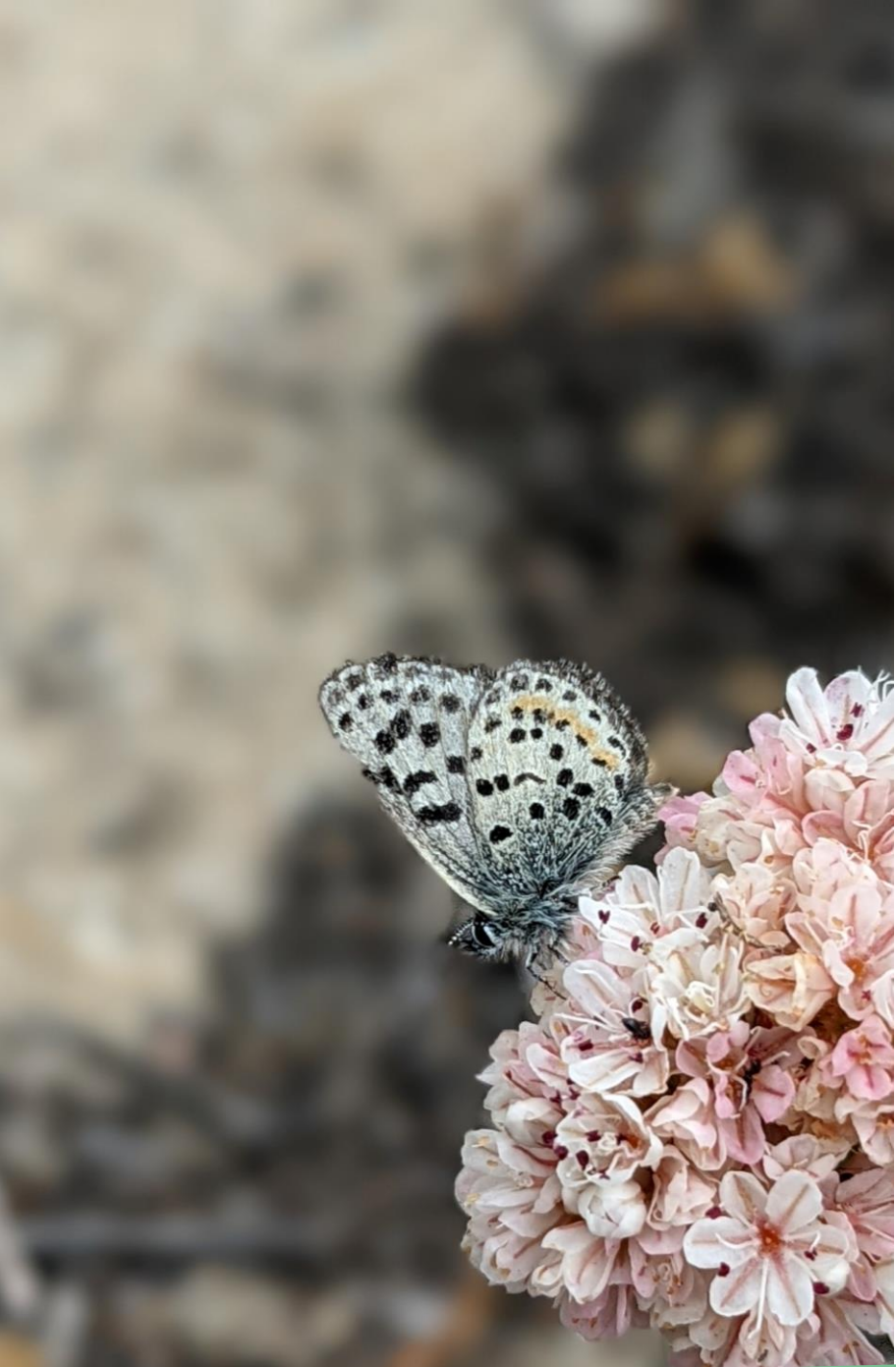
**CALIFORNIA
STATE PARKS
FOUNDATION**

Volunteer Core Leader Info Session



AGENDA

- California State Parks Foundation
 - Our Mission
 - Goals
- Volunteer program overview
- Volunteer Core Leaders
 - Roles
 - Responsibilities
 - Community
- How to become a Volunteer Core Leader



MISSION

- California State Parks Foundation is an independent, member-supported nonprofit that mobilizes a diverse network of Californians to be active champions for our state parks.
- We believe that all Californians are essential to sustaining our state parks. Every day, we inform and inspire current and future generations of park champions, enabling them to be the passionate advocates our state parks need.
- The mission of California State Parks Foundation is to protect and preserve the California state park system, for the benefit of all.

GOALS

California State Parks Foundation has six main areas of focus:

- Climate Resiliency
- Park Experience
- Equitable Access
- Park Funding
- Honoring History and Culture
- Protecting Wildlife and Nature





GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- California State Parks Foundation is a ***leading statewide voice*** in advocating for the protection of state parks, securing adequate and sustainable funding, and increasing access to our park system.
- Coalition Building & Grassroots Advocacy
- Policy Development & Research



MEMBERSHIP

- California State Parks Foundation receives ***no state funding***, and depends entirely on contributions and support from individuals, foundations, and corporations for its work on behalf of the California state park system.
- California State Parks Foundation has a membership of more than **70,000** people.
- Membership fees to join California State Parks Foundation start at **\$25**. Membership benefits include discounts on camping, our Parklands newsletter, Sunset magazine, a tote bag, and more!



PARTNERSHIPS

- We build effective partnership relations to organize, mobilize, and amplify the important work they provide to state parks.
- Grantmaking
 - We provide both open and closed grant rounds that help us achieve our goals as an organization or urgent needs of parks that arise.
 - Our recent [Park Improvement](#) grant round provided 20 awards that invested in projects that improve parks and create innovative programs so visitors have meaningful and relevant experiences while visiting California state parks.



VOLUNTEERISM

- *Since 1998*, we have hosted an annual Earth Day volunteer event and learned early-on the power of what volunteers can accomplish in a single day.
- In *2010*, California State Parks Foundation expanded the volunteer program to year-round in response to unprecedented budget cuts and a growing backlog of deferred maintenance projects.



VOLUNTEERISM CONTINUED

- We are currently active at **29 state parks!**
- Projects vary by park and include everything from trail restoration, maintenance projects, and habitat restoration to fire and erosion prevention.
- Our program hosts about **100 workdays** each year across the state.
- Our projects are **volunteer led and volunteer managed.** Volunteer Core Leaders work closely with park staff and California State Parks Foundation program staff to plan and execute workdays.

PARK SITES

Humboldt

Trinidad State Beach
Sue-meg State Park
Humboldt Lagoons State Park

Bay Area

Half Moon Bay State Beach
China Camp State Park
Angel Island State Park
Candlestick Point SRA

Santa Cruz & Santa Clara

Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park
Henry W Coe State Park

Los Angeles

Rio de Los Angeles State Park
Chino Hills State Park
Los Angeles State Historic Park
Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook

San Diego

Silver Strand State Beach
South Carlsbad State Park
Palomar Mountain State Park
Old Town San Diego State Historic Park
Border Field State Park

Inland Empire

Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area

Monterey

Fort Ord Dunes State Park
Garrapata State Beach

Sacramento

Auburn State Recreation Area
Folsom Lake State Recreation Area
Marshall Gold State Historic Park

Central Valley

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park





FY 22 IMPACT METRICS

- Workdays: 103
- Total volunteers: 2,422
- # of volunteer hours: 7,941
- Plants installed: 10,260
- Miles of trail restored: 8.03
- Square ft. of invasive species removed: 563,340
- Square ft. of fire buffer zones created: 27,975
- Trash and recycling bags collected: 477

THE VOLUNTEER CORE LEADER ROLE

- Volunteers who want to deepen their involvement in our program and their local parks.
- Volunteer Core Leaders help plan and lead our volunteer workdays.
- Ambassadors of California State Parks Foundation.
- Dedicated leaders at one (sometimes multiple) state parks.



OUR COMMUNITY



Passionate park supporters



Shares knowledge and skills



Flexible team players



Builds community and a safe space for all

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Event planning
 - Compose workplans
 - Connect with park staff
- Outreach and promotion
 - Create flyers
 - Table at an event
- Registration and waivers
- Give the welcome speech
- Coordinate breakfast/lunch and snacks
- Take photos
- Be a crew leader
- Collect event metrics
- Write post event reports



HOW TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER CORE LEADER

- Attend a minimum of 3 volunteer workdays.
- Complete and submit a *Volunteer Core Leader Application*
- Attend an online *Volunteer Core Leader Training (2-hours on zoom)*
- Complete a background check paid for by California State Parks Foundation.
- Shadow current Volunteer Core Leader(s) at a workday of your choosing.
- Lead your first event with California State Parks Foundation staff shadowing for final approval.
- Officially join our Volunteer Core Leader community!





QUESTIONS?

Don't hesitate to reach out to us!

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