

January 26, 2024

Dear Volunteer Groups:

We hope to find you well in 2024. Thank you for your past and future service to Yosemite National Park. Just as in previous years, I intend to use this first page to introduce a few changes to our program in the coming year.

This year, we ask for your patience and understanding as we transition to a new form used to collect your information for the lottery. This form is the official volunteer application form, OF301. We hope at a future date to transition to a form better suited to our specific needs, but for now we have this intermediary form that we have adapted to fit our needs. If you have questions, please contact us via email at [yose\\_volunteers@nps.gov](mailto:yose_volunteers@nps.gov)

You may also notice that there are very few projects to offer with large group sizes. This is in response to work leads expressing the need to keep numbers at a more manageable size to complete the project work effectively, safely, and with as little adverse impact as possible (e.g., trampling of vegetation). We know there is a need to find projects for larger group sizes and we will continue to look for those opportunities within our NPS team.

You will find the 2024 Group Volunteer Project Guide and Catalog in the pages that follow, including important information regarding signing up for a project, a description of available projects, and our calendar.

**The due date for entering the placement lottery is Sunday, February 25.** Requests made any time before 11:59 pm on February 25<sup>th</sup> will be placed in a lottery to determine order of assignment. Requests received February 26<sup>th</sup> or later will be assigned a queue number in the order received. Please read the “Volunteer Program Guidelines for Groups” section carefully for more information.

Thank you for your spirit of service and willingness to volunteer your time and energy at Yosemite and other naturally and culturally significant places. We wish you the best of luck and a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

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# 2024 PROJECT REQUEST PROCESS:

**THE 2024 LOTTERY ENTRY DUE DATE IS February 25<sup>th</sup> (by 11:59pm)**

## How to Submit a Request

1. *Look through the catalog to pick projects that appeal to you.* Be sure to note required skills, physical ability, group size and age limits for each project listed.
2. *Choose your top 6 projects.* We have created “Standard” projects that can be placed quickly. Choosing one of these means you agree to all listed details, and your project will be confirmed quickly. “Non-Standard” requests, meaning you are requesting something outside the catalog calendar, will be very limited.
3. **IMPORTANT UPDATE:** *Open document titled “IMPORTANT – Project Request Form Instructions.”* This form will guide you through the new project request form. Have this document and the project request form open side by side.
4. *Fill in all sections on the Project Request Form.* Read the instructions document thoroughly to correctly fill out the request form. Space is limited; please be respectful and only submit **one** entry. If hand-writing the form, please print neatly.
5. *Make sure you have completed all requested information in the form.* Once you have completed your form, please submit your request(s) via e-mail. Our email address is [yose\\_volunteers@nps.gov](mailto:yose_volunteers@nps.gov).

## What Happens Next?

1. When we receive your request form, we will respond with an email acknowledging the request (check your Spam folder!!). If you don't receive this email within a week, please let us know.
2. Requests received before **11:59pm February 25<sup>th</sup>** will be assigned their number in the queue at random by lottery. Requests received after February 26<sup>th</sup> will be assigned in the order received.
3. We will work our way through the queue and match projects according to lottery numbers.
4. When we successfully match your group with a project, we will send an offer to the group leader listed on the request form. This email will also include a deadline for confirmation.
5. **Please be patient.** We receive about two hundred requests each year and we try our best to schedule in a timely manner. The reality is that there is a higher demand than we are able to accommodate.
6. If your group leader confirms a project you have been offered, we will email a packet to your group leader with required forms and information about your project. We send these in calendar order of the projects, and you will receive your confirmation at least one month before your project.

# CAMPING:

The Yosemite Volunteer Program can provide free campsites (when available) during your project. Most campsites are at Yellow Pine, the administrative campground in Yosemite Valley. Campsites outside of the Valley may be available for projects in or near those locations.

## Camping Requirements:

**\*The minimum number of volunteer hours required depends on the following requirements:**

<b>Nights At Campsite</b>	<b>Work requirements – Minimum days of work, AND minimum hours (At least one of the nights must be contiguous with the volunteer day)</b>
<b>Zero</b>	(if the NPS does not provide campsites) Half day /2.5 hours minimum.
<b>One or Two</b>	Half-day project (2.5 to 4 hours)
<b>Two</b>	One day (5 hours+)
<b>Three</b>	One and a half days
<b>Four</b>	Two days
<b>Five</b>	Two and a half days
<b>Six</b>	Three days
<b>Seven</b>	Four days

## Campground and Group Rules:

- a) If the park provides free campsites, all members of your group will be required to participate in the work. Exceptions for family members under the age of 5 must be approved in advance.
- b) **Be respectful of other visitors and camp hosts during your stay.** Clean up after your group, respect the directions of the camp hosts, other NPS staff, and follow quiet hours and other guidelines.
- c) Each group is responsible for providing their own camping equipment, food and transportation to the park. Yellow Pine Campground and other group sites are generally tent-only – no RVs or sleeping trailers. Gear trailers are limited to 25 feet.
- d) Pets are not permitted in group campsites (including Yellow Pine), and may not be permitted at the volunteer work site.
- e) If you would like to use your RV, bring pets, or have group members who will not volunteer, you must reserve and pay for your own accommodation elsewhere.

**\*ALL participants must understand the campground rules and regulations before arriving to the park.\***

**\*Groups who violate campground rules and participation policies will not be permitted to return\***

**(Additional Campground rules will be provided in your Group Packet upon selection)**

## BASIC VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS:

- Your group is between the sizes 6-20 people and all participants are ages 5 and up.
- If you have individuals in your group with a disability, please let the park know in your application so that we can arrange accommodation including ASL interpreters.
- The Group will provide their own transportation to and from the park/to the project location.
- As of 2023, group members must reside in California, Arizona, Nevada, or Oregon.

### What the Park will provide:

A National Park Service work leader and all project supplies, safety equipment, and instruction needed. We will send a gate pass for free entry into the park and arrange campsites (but not camping gear) if needed and available. There is no charge to participate in NPS projects.

### Want to bring a School Group?

School groups follow under our *Special Request* groups and have a slightly different set of rules and requirements for volunteering than our standard Group Volunteer Requests. If you have a curricular component to your project and are requesting weekday assignments, please submit a lottery request form and indicate clearly that you are applying as a school group.

### Tips for getting placed in the lottery

We have a random lottery process to ensure fairness in placement. Advice for getting a placement includes:

- *Be flexible.* Indicate multiple choices on your submission form.
- *Being willing to work weekdays.* Our midweek projects are not usually top choices. and please follow all the submission instructions outlined here.
- *Choose to stay and work outside of Yosemite Valley.* These projects have less competition.

If you are not placed, remember that there are many ways to serve. “Think global, act local” is a great way to approach service.

# VOLUNTEER GROUP PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

## Fruit Harvesting

### DESCRIPTION:

Beginning in the 1850s, early Euro-American homesteaders in Yosemite planted orchards to grow produce for the people and livestock that were surging in this part of the Sierra. Today, those orchards are recognized not just for their rare heirloom fruits, but also as links to the park's past. The orchards in Yosemite Valley are the largest orchards from the 1850s to 1860s in California and the oldest intact examples of orchards from this era in the U.S. National Park System.

In many orchards, the fruit from these trees lures black bears and creates avoidable visitor-wildlife conflicts, especially in high visitation areas like the Curry Village Orchard parking lot. This conflict threatens the lives of black bears in the park while creating a safety hazard for humans as well. To reduce the prevalence of wildlife-visitor conflict throughout the park, volunteers will assist in harvesting fruit from orchards and non-orchard trees. While some volunteers will use throw bags and pickers to collect various fruits off of the trees with taller branches, others will be able pick apples from trees without any instruments. As these events take place in July and August, fruit will be small and not ripe enough to eat immediately.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum Age: 5 *unless otherwise indicated*
- Group Size: Max 12 *unless otherwise indicated*
- Difficulty: Easy to strenuous depending on orchard and task
- Have form of transportation and willing to drive around Yosemite National Park as needed.

### PROJECT / CAMPSITE LOCATION

- Yosemite Valley

## Raspberry Bush Trimming

### DESCRIPTION:

Wild raspberries are native to Yosemite. Unfortunately, they lure black bears and can create visitor-wildlife conflicts, especially in high visitation areas like campgrounds. This conflict threatens the lives of black bears in the park while creating a safety hazard for humans as well. To reduce the prevalence of wildlife-visitor conflict throughout the park, volunteers will assist the wildlife team by trimming, cutting back, and/or removing raspberry bushes within 50 ft of and adjacent to Lower Pines campground.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum Age: 18
- Group Size: Max 10
- Difficulty: Moderate to strenuous
- Have form of transportation and willing to drive around Yosemite National Park as needed.

### PROJECT / CAMPSITE LOCATION

- Yosemite Valley

## Bear Locker Mounting

### DESCRIPTION:

Yosemite National Park is home to hundreds of American black bears; these bears have a voracious appetite. They also are incredibly curious and have an amazing sense of smell. This combination tempts them to seek our high-calorie food. Sometimes bears that routinely get our food become aggressive, and sometimes have to be killed as a result. By storing your food properly, you can prevent a bear's unnecessary death. Fortunately, Yosemite utilizes bearproof food lockers throughout the park to allow visitors to store their food and keep bears away from unnatural food sources. Volunteers will assist the wildlife team by positioning and tightening bolts onto 20 300lb bear lockers. Volunteers will be using work gloves, and 4-6 people will use lifting straps to lift and position a bear locker onto pressure-treated wood footings. Volunteers will then have the option of either using battery drill or hand wrench to tighten 4 large bolts to connect the locker to the footings.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum Age: 18
- Group Size: Max 10
- Difficulty: Moderate to strenuous
- Have form of transportation and willing to drive around Yosemite National Park as needed.

### PROJECT / CAMPSITE LOCATION

- Yosemite Valley

## Wawona Outdoor Cleanup

### DESCRIPTION:

Because Wawona is largely out of use in the off-season, we see a buildup of leaves and dirt, not to mention storm damage. Work for this project will include cleaning out and repairing the horse corral, raking leaves and other debris from the tops of roofs, raking and conducting minor repairs on the stagecoach road, and conducting other minor repairs as determined by staff. Debris will be taken to the appropriate collection point via provided wheelbarrows.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum Age: 16
- Group Size: Max 12
- Difficulty: Easy to Moderate
- Must have experience with outdoor repair and ladder usage

### PROJECT / CAMPSITE LOCATION

- Wawona

## Campground Cleanup

### DESCRIPTION:

With over 1,400 campsites in Yosemite in use nearly every night from April through October, a lot of ash gets produced in all those fire rings, trash gets left behind, picnic tables and signs get worn out, bear boxes get dirty,

and much more! Work for this project will be determined on a day to day basis, dependent on park needs. Volunteers may be asked to assist in cleaning out campground and picnic area fire pits and grills, as well as perform other general campground cleanup work. They will be shoveling ash and debris, which may be hot, and carrying the ash and other litter by bucket to a collection point for disposal. Depending on park needs, a volunteer group may be asked to drive to different parks of Yosemite which may or may not be near your assigned campsite.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum Age: 5
- Group Size: Max 12 *or* 25
- Difficulty: Easy to moderate
- Ability to practice safe use of hand tools, such as litter sticks, and follow safety instructions.
- Have form of transportation and willing to drive around Yosemite National Park as needed.

#### PROJECT / CAMPSITE LOCATION

- Yosemite Valley

### General Vegetation

#### DESCRIPTION:

Park managers in the branch of Vegetation and Ecological Restoration at Yosemite are managing for resilient vegetation communities in Yosemite National Park in the face of increased visitation, climate change, and habitat fragmentation. We need help from able and willing volunteer groups to participate in this park-wide effort. Volunteers will assist Restoration Rangers in an array of projects as needed. Each of these projects has different needs and occurs at different times of the year in varying locations. If you select Vegetation and Restoration Projects, you will be given tasks appropriate for your group's needs and abilities based on the information you provide us in your project request form. If you have a preference for any of the following tasks or have a group with specific needs please don't hesitate to ask for accommodations or a specific task. You will likely be doing more than one of these tasks, especially if you have a larger group. Potential Tasks (season dependent) include: seed, duff, and log collection; invasive plant removal; small conifer removal and piling; soil decompaction with shovels and landscape contouring; planting and salvaging plants.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum Age: *Varies*
- Group Size: *Varies*
- Difficulty: Light to strenuous
- Ability to hike in uneven terrain carrying tools
- Long pants and sturdy close-toed shoes are required
- Work in adverse weather conditions (typically hot, open areas)
- Ability to use hand tools (shovels, rakes, small handsaw, loppers, etc.), if needed.

#### PROJECT / CAMPSITE LOCATION

- Throughout park

## Weed Warriors in Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove

### DESCRIPTION:

Yosemite's invasive plant team invites volunteer groups to come keep bull thistle under control in Yosemite Valley's meadows and in the steep slopes of Mariposa Grove. Left alone, many of these areas would be covered with large swaths of these invasive plants. You will need hike many miles surveying meadows for bull thistle, and then shear their roots with a shovel or loppers before removing them from the ground. Projects occurring in July and August are classified as strenuous because these plants are thorny, most work is in full sun, and heat in excess of 95 degrees is common during this time of year. Projects occurring in May and June are classified as moderate because the weather is nice, but projects will include working on hands and knees pulling annual weeds.

Due to increasing intensity and frequency of heat waves in the park, we've modified the work hours, restricted the age range, and are looking for some real heat hardy folks to dig in and join our biologists in this challenging project. Projects with camping in Wawona are likely in post burn environments in Mariposa Grove. Projects with camping in Yosemite Valley will be in Yosemite's meadows.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum Age: 16, and Seniors cautioned
- Work schedule might start as early as 8am in hotter conditions
- Group Size: Max 18 *unless otherwise indicated*
- Difficulty: Moderate to Strenuous
- Ability to hike in uneven terrain carrying tools
- Work in adverse weather conditions (typically hot, open areas)
- Ability to use hand tools (shovels, rakes, small handsaw, loppers, etc.), if needed.

### PROJECT / CAMPSITE LOCATION

- Yosemite Valley / Yellow Pine
- Mariposa Grove/ Wawona

## Seed Collection

### DESCRIPTION:

The beginning of restoration at Yosemite starts with seed collection. Seed collection is a detail oriented job that requires you to learn how to identify multiple native plants when their seeds have matured (past their flowering stage). This work can be tedious and will require stooping for long periods of time, walking over uneven meadow terrain, and exposure to full sun for long periods of time.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum Age: 12
- Group Size: Max 15 people
- Difficulty: Moderate to strenuous
- Ability to hike in uneven terrain carrying tools
- Long pants and sturdy close-toed shoes are required
- Work in adverse weather conditions (typically hot, open areas)
- Ability to use hand tools (shovels, rakes, small handsaw, loppers, etc.), if needed.



## PROJECT / CAMPSITE LOCATION

- Camping at Porcupine Flat, Yosemite Valley, and Hodgdon Meadow depending on the work location.
- Project locations are Tuolumne Meadows, Yosemite Valley, and Ackerson Meadow.

## Yosemite Zero Heroes

### DESCRIPTION:

*This half-day project is targeted to our youngest groups. Please apply only if the majority of your group members are under 10 years old, e.g. Cub Scouts or Brownies groups!*

Over five million visitors a year can produce a lot of trash, and unfortunately not all of it makes it into trash cans and recycling bins. Volunteers will use litter sticks and buckets to clean up litter along roadsides and trails, parking lots, campgrounds and in other public areas. Learn about leave no trace strategies and zero landfill initiatives. Does your group have what it takes to become Yosemite Zero Heroes? #YosemiteZeroHero

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum Age: 5
- Group Size: Max 18
- Difficulty: Easy to Moderate
- Ability to practice safe use of hand tools such as litter sticks

## PROJECT / CAMPSITE LOCATION

- Throughout park

# VOLUNTEER GROUP PROJECT CATALOG

## STANDARD PATHWAY GROUP PROJECT REQUESTS

By requesting one of these projects, you agree to all listed details.

### May

Project Number	Project Name	Campground	Check-In	Check-Out	Project Schedule	Max Number of Volunteers	Special Notes
1	Campground Cleanup	Upper Pines	5/3/24	5/5/24	Saturday, 5/4, 9am-3pm	18	
2	Wawona History Center Cleanup	Wawona	5/10/24	5/12/24	Saturday 5/11, 9am-3pm	12	
3	Weed Warriors	Yellow Pine	5/15/24	5/17/24	Thursday 5/16, 9am-3pm	18	
4	Campground Cleanup	Yellow Pine	5/17/24	5/19/24	Saturday 5/18, 9am-3pm	12	
5	Weed Warriors	Yellow Pine	5/21/24	5/25/24	Thursday 5/23 and Friday 5/24, 9am-3pm	18	

## June

Project Number	Project Name	Campground	Check-In	Check-Out	Project Schedule	Max Number of Volunteers	Special Notes
6	Campground Cleanup	Yellow Pine	5/31/24	6/2/24	Saturday 6/1, 9am-3pm	25	
7	Raspberry Bush Trimming	Yellow Pine	6/7/24	6/9/24	Saturday 6/8, 9am-3pm	10	
8	Yosemite Zero Heroes	Yellow Pine	6/12/24	6/14/24	Thursday, 6/13, 9am-12pm	18	Moderate, only for groups serving children younger than 10 years old.
9	Mounting Bear Lockers	Hodgdon Meadow	6/14/24	6/16/24	Saturday 6/15, 9am-12pm	10	Ideal for people willing to lift heavy objects as a team. Ideal group size is 8-10 people.
10	Campground Cleanup	Yellow Pine	6/14/24	6/16/24	Saturday 6/15, 9am-3pm	12	

<b>11</b>	Weed Warriors (Ackerson Meadow)	Hodgdon Meadow	6/15/24	6/19/24	Monday 6/17 and Tuesday 6/18, 9am-3pm	20	Strenuous
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## July

Project Number	Project Name	Campground	Check-In	Check-Out	Project Schedule	Max Number of Volunteers	Special Notes
<b>12</b>	Weed Warriors (Ackerson Meadow)	Hodgdon Meadow	6/29/24	7/3/24	Monday 7/1 and Tuesday 7/2, 8am-2pm	20	Strenuous
<b>13</b>	Yosemite Zero Heroes	Yellow Pine	7/10/24	7/12/24	Thursday 7/11, 9am-12pm	18	Moderate, only for groups serving children younger than 10 years old.
<b>14</b>	Fruit Harvesting, youth	Yellow Pine	7/15/24	7/19/24	Thursday 7/18, 9am-3pm	10	Only for school groups and youth programs
<b>15</b>	Campground Cleanup	Yellow Pine	7/19/24	7/21/24	Saturday 7/20, 9am-3pm	12	
<b>16</b>	Fruit Harvesting	Yellow Pine	7/26/24	7/28/24	Saturday 7/27, 9am-3pm	15	
<b>17</b>	Weed Warriors	Yellow Pine	7/30/24	8/1/24	Wednesday 7/31, 8am-2pm	20	Strenuous, hot conditions

## August

Project Number	Project Name	Campground	Check-In	Check-Out	Project Schedule	Max Number of Volunteers	Special Notes
18	Seed Collection, youth	Yellow Pine	7/29/24	8/2/24	Thursday 8/1, 8am-2pm	15	Strenuous, hot conditions
19	Yosemite Zero Heroes	Yellow Pine	7/31/24	8/2/24	Thursday 8/1, 9am-12pm	18	Moderate, only for groups serving children younger than 10 years old.
20	Seed Collection	Yellow Pine	8/2/24	8/4/24	Saturday 8/3, 8am-2pm	15	Strenuous, hot conditions
21	Campground Cleanup	Yellow Pine	8/2/24	8/4/24	Saturday 8/3, 9am-3pm	25	
22	Seed Collection (Ackerson Meadow)	Hodgdon Meadow	8/7/24	8/11/24	Friday 8/9 and Saturday 8/10, 9am-3pm	15	Strenuous
23	Seed Collection (Tuolumne Meadows)	Porcupine Flat	8/16/24	8/18/24	Saturday 8/17, 9am-3pm	15	

<b>24</b>	Campground Cleanup	Yellow Pine	8/16/24	8/18/24	Saturday 8/17, 9am-3pm	12	
<b>25</b>	Seed Collection (Tuolumne Meadows)	Porcupine Flat	8/23/24	8/25/24	Saturday 8/24, 9am-3pm	15	
<b>26</b>	Seed Collection (Ackerson Meadow)	Hodgdon Meadow	8/28/24	8/30/24	Thursday 8/29, 9am-3pm	15	Strenuous
<b>27</b>	Seed Collection (Ackerson Meadow)	Hodgdon Meadow	8/30/24	9/1/24	Saturday 8/31, 9am-3pm	15	Strenuous

## September

Project Number	Project Name	Campground	Check-In	Check-Out	Project Schedule	Max Number of Volunteers	Special Notes
<b>28</b>	Campground Cleanup	Yellow Pine	9/6/24	9/8/24	Saturday 9/7, 9am-3pm	25	
<b>29</b>	Campground Cleanup	Yellow Pine	9/20/24	9/22/24	Saturday 9/21, 9am-3pm	12	

# October

Project Number	Project Name	Campground	Check-In	Check-Out	Project Schedule	Max Number of Volunteers	Special Notes
30	Seed Collection	Yellow Pine	10/1/24	10/5/24	Wednesday 10/2 and Thursday 10/3, 9am-3pm	15	
31	Campground Cleanup	Yellow Pine	10/4/24	10/6/24	Saturday 10/5, 9am-3pm	25	
32	Campground Cleanup	Yellow Pine	10/18/24	10/20/24	Saturday 10/19, 9am-3pm	12	
33	Seed Collection	Yellow Pine	10/22/24	10/26/24	Thursday 10/24 and Friday 10/25	15	
34	Seed Collection	Yellow Pine	10/25/24	10/27/24	Saturday 10/26, 9am-3pm	15	

## OTHER OPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERING

If you missed the deadline for the lottery projects of 2024, please consider alternate options for volunteering!

### Drop-in Programs within Yosemite National Park

For individuals who would like to volunteer while vacationing in Yosemite, we have several “drop-in” opportunities for individuals to participate in throughout the year. To check out a current listing of drop-in events, [click here](#).

#### Additional Drop-in Programs

Additional Drop-in Programs include: Earth Day, National Park Week, Junior Ranger Day, Apple Picking Day, and Yosemite Facelift. [Click here](#) for the current list of drop-in events.

### Partner Volunteer Projects

To sign up for one of these projects planned with partners, please visit the websites listed. Unlike other projects in this catalog which are designed for volunteers who come to the park as an organized group, these projects are for individual volunteers who would like to join with other individuals for a group volunteer project. Most of the organizations require that volunteers become members to participate.

#### YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY

Yosemite Conservancy offers all kinds of projects and opportunities, mostly week-long or month-long. See the Yosemite Conservancy website for application and details: [Yosemite Conservancy](#)

#### CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM (CVIP)

(In partnership with REI)

See the Conservation Volunteers International Program website to learn more and to sign up: [Conservation VIP](#)

#### SIERRA CLUB

See the Sierra Club Outings website for qualifications and application process: [Sierra Club - National](#)

#### WILDERNESS VOLUNTEERS

See the Wilderness Volunteer website for qualifications and to sign up: [Wilderness Volunteers](#)

#### VOLUNTEER VACATIONS – WITHIN NATIONAL PARKS!

[Click here to read the article and find out more.](#)

### Find Your Park

Use this tool to find a park nearby that might have volunteering opportunities for you: [Find Your Park](#)

**If you have any questions, please contact us at [yose\\_volunteers@nps.gov](mailto:yose_volunteers@nps.gov)**



## VOLUNTEER SERVICE APPLICATION—NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

This optional application helps federal land and water management agencies identify interested and qualified candidates for available volunteer positions. Applications are submitted and processed locally for each position. If a volunteer commits to a specific volunteer activity, they are required to complete an OF-301a Volunteer Service Agreement. Mark **X** in the appropriate boxes and print or type all responses.

1. Name (Last, First)	2. Date of Birth / /	3. Telephone Number ( ) -	4. Email Address
5. Street Address, Apt. #	6. City	7. State	8. ZIP code

9. Which general categories are you most interested in volunteering? Check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Archaeology	<input type="checkbox"/> GIS/GPS	<input type="checkbox"/> Research/Librarian
<input type="checkbox"/> Botany	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish/Wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> Soil/Watershed
<input type="checkbox"/> Campground/Site host	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical/Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Timber/Fire prevention
<input type="checkbox"/> Campground maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Pest/Disease control	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Minerals/Geology	<input type="checkbox"/> Tour guide/Interpretation
<input type="checkbox"/> Computers	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural resources planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Visitor information
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation education	<input type="checkbox"/> Office/Clerical	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Range/Livestock	

10. What qualifications, skills, or experiences do you have that you would like to use as a volunteer? Check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking/Camping	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand/Power tools	<input type="checkbox"/> Public speaking
<input type="checkbox"/> Biology	<input type="checkbox"/> Heavy equipment operation	<input type="checkbox"/> Research/Librarian
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat operation	<input type="checkbox"/> Horses – care/ riding	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign language
<input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping/Reforestation	<input type="checkbox"/> Supervision
<input type="checkbox"/> Clerical/Office machines	<input type="checkbox"/> Land surveying	<input type="checkbox"/> Other trade skills (Please specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer programming	<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock/Ranching	<input type="checkbox"/> Teaching
<input type="checkbox"/> Drafting/Graphics	<input type="checkbox"/> Map reading or GIS/GPS	<input type="checkbox"/> Working with people
<input type="checkbox"/> Driver's license	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountaineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing/Editing
<input type="checkbox"/> First aid certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify)

11. What languages are you proficient in? Check all that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Arabic	<input type="checkbox"/> German	<input type="checkbox"/> Lahanda/ Punjabi
<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Hindi	<input type="checkbox"/> Portuguese
<input type="checkbox"/> English	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/> Russian
<input type="checkbox"/> French	<input type="checkbox"/> Korean	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify)

12. If you have a specific volunteer interest, please identify and describe your qualifications, skills, experiences, or education that may apply.

13. Are you a United States Citizen or Permanent Resident?

Yes, I am a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident      No, I am not a US Citizen or Permanent Resident      (if applicable, list visa type \_\_\_\_\_)

14. a. Have you volunteered before?  Yes  No

b. If yes, please list the organization where you volunteered with a contact name and phone # or email address, and briefly describe what you did.

15. Would you like to supervise other volunteers?  Yes  No

16. What are some of your objectives for volunteering? (Optional)

17. Please list any physical limitations that may impact your volunteer activities.

18. a. Which months are you available to volunteer? Check all that apply.

January       February       March       April       May       June  
 July       August       September       October       November       December

18b. How many hours per week would you be available for volunteer work? Hours

18c. Which days are you available to volunteer? Check all that apply.  
 Monday    Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday    Sunday

19. Specify states or locations where you would like to volunteer.

20. Specify your lodging needs:  
 I will furnish my own lodging       I will require assistance in finding lodging

21. Are you willing to have your application forwarded to other federal offices or agencies, if no opportunity exists at the location to which you applied, and if there are known alternatives appropriate to your interests and experience?  
 Yes    No (Please specify)

22. How did you hear about this volunteer opportunity? Check all that apply.

Volunteer.gov       Brochure  
 Other website       Volunteer fair or event  
 Advertisement       Other (Please specify)  
 Word of mouth (friend, colleague, family member)

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23. Signature	21. Date
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## How to Complete 2024 Group Volunteer Project Request Form

Follow the instructions below to complete a successful project request form. Failure to provide all the information requested can result in lottery delays and removing your application from the applicant pool. Although the form is clearly tailored to an individual volunteer position, **please consider your entire group when filling out this form.**

For groups who have participated in Yosemite's Volunteers-in-Parks program in the past, you will notice this year's request form looks very different than the previous request form. This new form is the official 301 application form used in all NPS sites throughout the country.

The following steps directly correspond to the numbered sections in the project request form. **Do not complete** sections 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 21, 22, and 23. The text boxes and checkmarks of those sections have been removed intentionally.

1 - 8. Group leader's contact information only.

12. In the form of sentences, include:

- a. Group size. *Ex: Group size is 15.*
- b. Age(s) of children (anyone under 18) if applicable. *Ex: Children in group are between 11 to 15 years of age.*
- c. Will your group have enough vehicles to transport all group members to worksite? *Ex: Group will have enough vehicles to transport group members to worksite.*
- d. List **top six** project numbers in order of preference. First number being top choice, and sixth number being last choice. For project numbers, see group catalog. *Ex: Group's project order of preference is 32, 1, 6, 12, 27, and 5.*

16. In the form of sentences, include:

- a. Group name. *Ex: Group name is Yosemite Explorers.*
- b. Group's mission/values/reason for volunteering. *Ex: Group's reason for volunteering is to create connection with Yosemite through exploration, reflection, and stewardship.*

17. Consider the physical limitations of everyone in the group and if your group is requesting accessibility accommodations. *Ex 1: We are a deaf/hard of hearing group, and we are requesting ASL interpreters. Ex 2: Most of our group is of older age and have back problems. We are requesting a project that does not involve bending down. Ex 3: A few in our group use wheelchairs. We are requesting a relatively flat campsite.*

20. Select your lodging needs.

- a. If you select "I will furnish my own lodging," your group does not need camping but agrees to all other details.
- b. If you select "I will require assistance in finding lodging," your group will receive a campsite(s).