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Dear Volunteer Groups:

It's not too late to join us in volunteering this year! We still have late summer and early fall projects open on both weekends and weekdays.

The Yosemite National Park Volunteer Office would like to invite you to bring your group to the park this year! Enclosed is the 2009 group volunteer project catalogue. You'll find both projects and dates listed. There may be some flexibility on some dates.

When considering bringing your group to Yosemite to volunteer, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- 1) All group members will be required to participate in the work project. The only exception to this will be the person designated to remain in camp as indicated in the campground rules and regulations.
- 2) Specific activities may change as other projects become available; we will always check with groups before changing their projects.
- 3) As weather conditions can change rapidly in Yosemite, please ensure your group is prepared and equipped for potential adverse conditions (i.e., snow, rain, extreme heat, biting or stinging insects, black bears, etc).
- 4) The Yosemite volunteer program provides a group campsite during your volunteer project. We will provide a site for the day you arrive and usually the night after your volunteer work. Due to high demand for the sites, we can rarely accommodate additional days; when we can, it will be at a maximum of one "off" day for each two days of volunteer service.
- 5) The volunteer program will also provide tools for projects, safety training, and free entrance to the park. Groups need to provide their own camping equipment, food, and transportation to the park.

To apply for a project:

- 1) Look through the catalogue to pick dates and projects that appeal to you. Be sure to note required skills and physical ability for each project. If you do have a group with limited physical capacity, we may be able to shorten work days depending on the project.
- 2) Choose your first choice project and fill in every line on the top half of the enclosed Group Application Form. If you would like to volunteer more than once in 2009, fill out a form for each trip.
- 3) List at least one alternate project as second choice at the bottom of each sheet, as we often have multiple applicants for a given project.
- 4) Once you have made your selections, please send your application(s) to:

Mail:	Fax:	Email:
VIP Office Yosemite National Park P.O. Box 700 El Portal, CA 95318	209-372-0386	Yose_volunteers@nps.gov

What happens next:

- 1) As we receive applications, we will assign dates/ projects. Generally projects will be assigned in the order in which they are received, though groups with special skills may be selected for special projects.
- 2) We will send a confirmation packet to your group with your dates and information about your project.
- 3) Please be patient! We will let you know when your project is assigned, but confirmation packets may take longer.

Planning for the future

Our volunteer office is going through a transition period. I arrived in Yosemite as the new Volunteer Program Manager in October of 2008, taking over the position previously held by Tammie Powers. The program assistant, Lindsey Prell, began work in April. It had been nearly a year since the program has had permanent staff, and the program currently is in a temporary office. By this winter we will hope to be moving into new office space in the Valley. It's a new beginning all around, and we have many opportunities for positive change. To help us with that change please consider the following three items:

- 1) If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, just call or send us an email at yose_volunteers@nps.gov
- 2) If you have ideas for improving our operations, please send us an email at yose_volunteers@nps.gov. Whether they are ideas of how to more efficiently assign group projects, ideas for park projects, or concerns you've had from the past, I would like to hear about it. I prefer written comments as they are easier for me to share with others, but you are welcome to call our office at any time as well.
- 3) Finally, I'd like to ask for your help so we can save time, money, paper, and fuel next year. Next year's group projects catalogue will be distributed electronically. Most likely we will be posting a file online and sending an email to you when it is available. We may also be sending out confirmation packets and some correspondence digitally. To help us with this effort, please **be sure to provide an email address** to us! If you have other ideas to saving us postage, paper, and fuel costs, please let us know!

Last year 10,051 volunteers provided over 155,000 hours of service to Yosemite. Without you, critical repair and restoration work could not be completed. We greatly appreciate you for supporting the National Park Service mission.

Sincerely,

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Lindsey Prell
Volunteer Program Assistant

Enc:
2009 Yosemite Group Volunteer Project Catalogue
2009 Group Application

Yosemite National Park Volunteer Opportunities

Projects starting between 8/1/2009 and 12/31/2009

Start Date	ID	Name	Schedule	Description	Skills/Limitations	Campsite	Check-In	Check-Out
08/22/2009	00487	Ash Removal/Campground Rehab	August 22, 9am to 3pm	See recurring projects description. -- Location: Crane Flat Campground	See recurring projects description.	Crane Flat	08/21/2009	08/23/2009
08/25/2009	00492	Buildings and Grounds Repair	August 25, 9am to 3pm	See recurring projects description. - Valley	See recurring projects description.	Yellow Pines	08/24/2009	08/26/2009
08/26/2009	00579	Restoration (Vegetation)	Aug 26, 9 am to 3 pm	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	Yellow Pines Site A	08/25/2009	08/27/2009
08/27/2009	00580	Restoration (Vegetation)	Aug 27, 9 am to 3 pm	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	Yellow Pines Site C	08/26/2009	08/28/2009
08/29/2009	00501	Ash Removal/Campground Rehab	August 29, 9am to 3pm	See recurring projects description. -- Location: Tuolumne Meadows	See recurring projects description.	Yellow Pine C	08/28/2009	08/30/2009
09/01/2009	00493	Buildings and Grounds Repair	September 1, 9am to 3pm	See recurring projects description. - Valley	See recurring projects description.	Yellow Pines	08/31/2009	09/02/2009
09/02/2009	00535	Restoration (Vegetation)	September 2, 9am to 3pm	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	Yellow Pines	09/01/2009	09/03/2009
09/03/2009	00581	Restoration (Vegetation)	Sept 3, 9 am to 3 pm	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	Yellow Pines Site C	09/02/2009	09/04/2009
09/03/2009	00582	Restoration (Vegetation)	Sept 3, 9 am to 3 pm	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	Yellow Pines Site C	09/02/2009	09/04/2009
09/20/2009	00507	Ash Removal/Campground Rehab	September 20, 9am to 3pm	See recurring projects description. -- Location: Hodgdon Meadow Campground	See recurring projects description.	Yellow Pine	09/18/2009	09/20/2009

Start Date	ID	Name	Schedule	Description	Skills/Limitations	Campsite	Check-In	Check-Out
09/30/2009	00583	Restoration (Vegetation)	Sept 30, 9 am to 3 pm	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	Yellow Pines Site A	09/29/2009	10/01/2009
10/02/2009	00537	Restoration (Vegetation)	October 2 and/or 3, 9am to 3pm	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	Yellow Pines	10/01/2009	10/04/2009
10/14/2009	00584	Restoration (Vegetation)	Oct 14, 9 am to 3 pm	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	Yellow Pines Site B	10/13/2009	10/15/2009
10/15/2009	00585	Restoration (Vegetation)	Oct 15, 9 am to 3 pm	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	Yellow Pines Site A	10/14/2009	10/16/2009
10/18/2009	00511	Ash Removal/Campground Rehab	October 17, 9am to 3pm	See recurring projects description. -- Location: Upper Pines Campground	See recurring projects description.	Yellow Pines	10/17/2009	10/19/2009
10/21/2009	00586	Restoration (Vegetation)	Oct 21, 9 am to 3 pm	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	Yellow Pines Site B	10/20/2009	10/22/2009
10/22/2009	00587	Restoration (Vegetation)	Oct 22, 9 am to 3 pm	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	Yellow Pines Site A	10/21/2009	10/23/2009
10/23/2009	00588	Restoration (Vegetation)	Oct 23, 9 am to 3 pm	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	See Recurring Projects Descriptions	Yellow Pines Site D	10/22/2009	10/24/2009
10/24/2009	00512	Ash Removal/Campground Rehab	October 24, 9am to 3pm	See recurring projects description. -- Location: Tamarack Flat	See recurring projects description.	Yellow Pines	10/23/2009	10/24/2009
10/24/2009	00513	Ash Removal/Campground Rehab	October 24, 9am to 3pm	See recurring projects description. -- Location: Hodgdon Meadow	See recurring projects description.	Hodgdon Meadow	10/23/2009	10/25/2009
10/31/2009	00514	Ash Removal/Campground Rehab	October 31, 9am to 3pm	See recurring projects description. -- Location: North Pines Campground	See recurring projects description.	Yellow Pines	10/30/2009	11/01/2009



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Recurring Projects Descriptions

Project Name: Ash Removal and Campground Rehab

Description:

Volunteers are needed to help keep campsites and picnic area clean and safe by assisting our campground staff in removing ash and debris from the fire rings and grills. Volunteers will also be needed to repair or replace picnic tables, straighten our site posts, to level bear boxes, and similar work.

For fire ring maintenance, the volunteers will be provided with buckets, shovels, and gloves to remove litter and debris from the fire rings into trash bags or buckets. For picnic table maintenance, volunteers will be provided with hand tools (for example wrenches, hammers, some power tools such as drill motors and saws). They will use these tools to remove or replace broken or damaged table boards. For site post maintenance and bear box leveling, volunteers may be using pry bars and shovels.

Skills and Abilities:

Volunteers must be able to carry a 5 gallon bucket of ash and debris safely. They must be able to use hand and power tools safely. Exact assignment may depend on age of participants.

Project Name: Buildings and Grounds Repair

Description:

Volunteers are needed to help perform needed repairs to buildings and grounds in the assigned area. Work may include painting, roofing, siding, foundations, fences, and concrete slabs, as well as general carpentry. Plumbing, electrical, and carpentry skills may be required for some projects.

Skills and Abilities:

Volunteers must have some knowledge of electrical, plumbing, and/or carpentry skills and the safe use of hand and power tools such as circular saws, planers, drills, air driven nail guns, augers, paint sprayers, and cement mixers as well as hand tools. May be required to lift over 60 pounds and/or drive government vehicles.

Project Name: Restoration Vegetation

Description:

Help restore native plant communities and habitats in Yosemite. Volunteers will assist Resource Management and Science Division staff with restoration efforts throughout the park which may include exotic plant removal, planting of native plants, soil de-compaction, and maintenance of restoration sites.

Skills and Abilities:

Ability up to lift 40 lbs or one third body weight, frequent lifting/bending and able to use hand tools such as shovels, pruning shears, rakes and hoes. Work may be strenuous with exposure to a variety of elements.



Yosemite National Park Group Volunteer Application 2009

Group Name: _____ Project Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Project Number: _____

Address: _____ Project Date(s): _____

_____ Home or Work Phone: _____

Age(s) of Group: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Number of Volunteers: _____ Email: _____

(Maximum group size is 25)

Please provide a brief description of the group's experience related to this project:

Selection of alternate projects is encouraged. **If you wish to volunteer for more than one project, please fill out a separate sheet for each trip/project.**

Indicate alternate scheduled dates/projects below **in order of preference**:

Project Number: _____ Project Date: _____ Project Name: _____

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All group members will be required to participate in the project. Yosemite National Park campground rules state that one person shall remain at the campsite at all times. This will be the only participant excluded from the work project. All campground rules and regulations will be followed.

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You will be notified in writing upon selection.