

# WANTED: PASSIONATE VOLUNTEERS.



**OLDTOWN**  
**SAN DIEGO**  
STATE HISTORIC PARK.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.



**LIVING HISTORIAN.**

**CRAFT DEMONSTRATOR.**

**TOUR GUIDE.**

**MUSEUM HOST.**

**COMPUTER AIDE.**

**MILITARY DEMONSTRATOR.**

**Period Attire Aide.**

**PARK STORE HOST.**

**Web Site Assistant.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE.**

**Public Relations Assistant.**

**GRANT WRITER.**

**Curatorial Assistant.**

**AND MANY MORE!**

**YES!** I would like to become a State Park volunteer. To get started, complete the information below and drop at the Visitor's Center or mail to:

Volunteer Coordinator

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park  
4002 Wallace Street, San Diego, CA 92110  
Phone: 619.688.3260 or 619.220.5422

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Home Phone

Work Phone

Email



[www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego](http://www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego)

## Why Volunteer at Old Town?



Come be part of history! Old Town San Diego State Historic Park was established to preserve and celebrate the very diverse and dynamic history of early San Diego as it evolved from a Mexican pueblo to an American frontier town between 1821 and 1872.

Old Town San Diego SHP attracts millions of visitors from around the world every year. Our

volunteer program, part of the California State Parks' Volunteers in Parks program, provides opportunities for meaningful service in preserving our heritage and presenting quality programs for the community and our many visitors.

Living History Volunteers help immerse visitors in the sights and sounds of the past, as well as the circumstances that created San Diego and are part of the foundation for California's history. They allow visitors to access the memories, stories, and traditions and bring them to life in an engaging and memorable way.

## Who Can Volunteer?

Do you have an interest in community service? A respect for history? An interest in early San Diego? We are recruiting passionate people that have an interest in helping preserve and sharing the history and heritage of a unique historic community. Whether you want to interact with our guests as part of the living history program or provide support behind the scenes, there are many opportunities to match your skills, abilities, and

interests with the many programs and activities necessary to create engaging, individualized, and unique experiences for our visitors.

Remember—no matter what your background—we encourage everyone to volunteer in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. Share your skills and learn new ones. Your contribution matters and you can make a difference!

## Our Exciting Programs Include:



**Do you have a love of story telling, a love of clear vivid language, and a respect for history?** Consider being a costumed tour guide, living historian, or part of our performance tours.

**Love to work in a garden, have a knowledge of heritage plants, or an interest in herbal remedies?** You might want to assist in the historic gardens maintaining the plants, leading garden tours, or talking about the historic uses of the plants.

**Do you know or have you always wanted to learn a traditional skill from the 1800s?** The skills that were part of everyday life in the 1800s are the backbone of our living history program. Some of the possibilities include: domestic chores – laundry, cooking, child care; crafts – spinning,

weaving, quilting, knitting, crocheting, basket making; trades – blacksmithing, printing, carpentry, adobe brick making.

**Enjoy the leisure arts?** What about storytelling, period music, period dancing, or playing the historic games?

**Prefer to be behind the scenes?** There are a wealth of support activities for you to consider including set up and take down for events, administrative duties, graphic design, museum collections and exhibit maintenance, museum maintenance, period attire maintenance and fabrication, hand crafted product development and production, and MUCH more.

## Volunteer Training.

Your journey as a volunteer begins by attending an orientation session. Subsequent training and development opportunities will vary depending on your skills and interests. Basic training provides a foundation of historic information and communication skills need by all volunteers that will be interacting with the public. Mentoring, historic skills training, field trips, and lectures, in addition to your individual study and research, will be part of your development. Participating as a volunteer at Old Town San Diego State Historic Park will be an ongoing, and hopefully, life long learning experience.

