Volunteer Opportunities

All Parks & Community Services Volunteers serve as community liaisons that help to provide the Watsonville community with opportunities for leisure experiences, personal growth, community development, and lasting memories through people, parks, and programs.

Class/Program Instructor
- have a special skill or talent that you would like to share with youth or adults, you can teach a class or workshop. Possible classes include music, art, and other recreational skills. Class/Program Instructors enjoy the ability to teach and engage others in activities that they have a passion for.

Prerequisites: Must be at least 18 years of age, must provide three references relative to the class/program desired; Minimum time commitment: 10 hours

Community Organizer Volunteer
- Unity Organizer Volunteers will assist neighborhood residents with setting up and coordinating events and activities. This is an excellent opportunity to practice your public speaking skills and promote leadership in the community.

Prerequisites: Must be at least 18 years of age; Minimum time commitment: Varies

Homework Volunteers
Homework volunteers serve as tutors and mentors after school at our recreation centers. You will provide academic support for youth of all ages and may be paired up with a tutoring partner to meet with on a regular basis. You may also work with high school age students while assisting with the Department’s job training program.

Prerequisites: Must be at least 18 years of age; Minimum time commitment: 4 or more hours per week for 3 months

Recreation Center Volunteer (Drop-in Recreation Program)
You will have the opportunity to make a lasting positive impact on the lives of Watsonville youth through building supportive relationships with young people and serving as a positive role model and mentor. Volunteering at one of our four recreation centers, you will assist with daily drop-in activities that include arts & crafts, sports, cooking, tournaments, dances, computer use, games, special events, and other recreation activities.

Prerequisites: Must be at least 14 years of age; Minimum time commitment: 4 or more hours per week for 3 months

Special Events Volunteers
This is a great way to get to involved in your community if you don’t have a lot of time to spare. Events include: Cesar Chavez Celebration, Day of the Child, Fourth of July Celebration, Strawberry Festival, National Night Out, Halloween, Las Posadas/Holiday Celebration, community and youth dances, and more...

Prerequisites: Must be at least 14 years of age; Minimum time commitment: Varies

Sports Volunteers
Sports Volunteers play a fundamental role in our sports programs as they help to foster teamwork, discipline, sportsmanship, “honoring the game,” and teach life lessons through physical activities. You can be a coach, official, score keeper, or field maintainer for a number of our many sports programs.

Prerequisites: Must be at least 16 years of age; Minimum time commitment: One sports season

Bilingual Spanish is a plus for all positions.

¿Hablas Español?
Necesitamos voluntarios que puedan ayudarnos a servir a nuestros clientes hispanohablantes.
Llame al (831) 768-3240.
Volunteers enrich our community’s parks and programs by sharing their special skills, time, and talents. Whether you have plenty of time to share or only a few hours to spare, you can make a difference in the lives of others.

To become a volunteer:
1. Pick up an application at our Customer Service Center or visit us online at www.watsonvillerec.com
2. Return your application to our Customer Service Center

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

- Know that you are part of a team that supports the youth and community of Watsonville.
- Receive training in child development, safety, health, organizational goals, and leadership techniques.
- Gain valuable work experience in a fun environment.
- Volunteer appreciation incentives.

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