

Volunteer Ventura! Frequently Asked Questions



Q. What types of volunteer opportunities are offered through the City of Ventura's Volunteer Ventura! Program?

A. The City of Ventura offers a wide-range of one-time, on-going and seasonal volunteer opportunities to suit a variety of interests and age groups. These opportunities include, but are not limited to:

Environmental:

- Beach, Park & Riverbed Cleanups
- Habitat Restoration
- Gardening

Special Events/Cultural Programs/Recreation

- Event assistance
- After School Programs
- Coaching/Youth Sports

Public Outreach:

- Volunteers In Policing
- Resource Center
- City Hall Ambassadors
- Senior Nutrition Program
- Historic & Public Art Docents

Administrative/Program Support

- Clerical
- Internships
- Print Shop Aid
- Accounting

Q. Is there an age requirement to volunteer?

A. While we strive to create volunteer projects that are appropriate for all ages we do offer specialized volunteer assignments that are age specific. All of our posted volunteer opportunities will include information regarding age requirements. As a reminder, volunteer projects that are open to all ages require a parent or guardian present for volunteers 12 and under.

Q. How do I sign up to volunteer? What paperwork is required?

A. As a general rule, pre-registration and a volunteer application is not required for one-time volunteer events open to the public such as beach and park cleanups.

Volunteers interested in opportunities that require specific skills, require an ongoing commitment, or are needed to meet court mandated community service hours will be required to fill out an application and/or waiver. Other documentation such as live scan (fingerprinting) and tuberculosis testing (TB) may also be required. A signed liability waiver is required of all volunteers regardless of the type of assignment.



Q. Where can I find all the necessary volunteer paperwork?

A. Volunteer applications, waivers, and time sheets (for ongoing volunteer assignments) can be found on the Volunteer Ventura! web page under 'Volunteer Documents'.

Q. My school requires me to complete community service hours for credit. Can I receive credit through the City's Volunteer Ventura! Program?

A. Yes. The Volunteer Ventura! Program partners with local schools and universities to provide volunteer opportunities that satisfy community service credit requirements. Students are encouraged to check with their school before volunteering to ensure that the volunteer project meets their school's requirements. Students should bring their verification form to school-approved volunteer projects. Verification forms are also available from the Volunteer Ventura! staff.

Q. My group/organization is interested in creating a specialized volunteer project – is that possible?

A. The Volunteer Ventura! Program routinely partners with non-profit organizations, faith-based groups, service clubs, businesses/organizations, and military personnel to create volunteer projects that meet that organization's core mission while bettering the Ventura community. Please contact the Volunteer Ventura! Office at 805-652-4555 to discuss potential partnership ideas.

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