



New Melones Lake

Incentives for the Volunteer Program

Whether you volunteer one day a week or one day a month, your service to New Melones Lake and the visiting public can be enjoyable and rewarding. A variety of incentives are available for the volunteers of New Melones Lake. This document describes the documentation required to be a volunteer, defines an “Active Volunteer,” and outlines the available incentives.

Volunteer Agreements

All volunteers must have an active Volunteer Agreement Form outlining their specific duties before any work may be performed or volunteer hours recorded. Additional agreements may be created for special events, additional duties or changes in duties. All Volunteer Agreements must be approved and signed by the Volunteer Coordinator, Chief Park Ranger, or Resource Manager.

Volunteer Hours

All individual volunteer hours must be documented with the New Melones Volunteer Coordinator. Volunteer hours are per individual and may not be combined with another volunteer’s hours to qualify for incentives.

Annual Incentives for Active Volunteers:

- Volunteer certificate and gift.
- An invitation to the annual Volunteer Recognition Event
- Much appreciation by the staff of New Melones Lake.

Pass Incentives

Volunteer Hours Required for Pass Incentives:

- 50 hours for a New Melones Day Use Pass OR
- 75 hours for a New Melones Boat Launch Pass
- 250 hours for an Interagency Volunteer Pass

New Melones Pass Benefit Requirements:

- Volunteer hours began accumulating toward the issuance of a New Melones pass on November 1, 2007, when the Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) legislation was passed for New Melones Lake.
- Individuals who already possess an Interagency Access, Senior, or Volunteer Pass do not need a New Melones Day Use Pass.

- There is no specific time frame in which the volunteer hours must be accrued.
- Once the hour requirement is reached and a pass is issued, the volunteer's hours are reset to zero and the count begins again.
- Only one New Melones pass may be issued in a 12-month period. If a volunteer gives more than 250 hours in any 12 month period, the pass-credit hours do not roll over into the next 12 month period. The Volunteer must receive the pass in person and sign the pass immediately upon issuance.
- New Melones Passes are non-transferrable.

The President's Volunteer Service Award

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families and groups that have achieved a certain standard – measured by the number of hours of service over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime. New Melones participates in this program upon request of the interested volunteer. For more information please visit <https://presidentalserviceawards.gov/>.

Volunteers that are interested in and qualify for an incentive should notify the Volunteer Coordinator. For more information about New Melones Lake visit our website at <https://www.usbr.gov/mp/cca0/newmelones/index.html>. For more information on volunteer opportunities at New Melones Lake please contact Park Ranger Pat Sanders through this link: <https://www.usbr.gov/mp/cca0/newmelones/contact.html>, or email psanders@usbr.gov.