



New Melones Lake Volunteer Information



Campground Host

Live-on-site at a campground. Campground Hosts assist rangers in daily operations of the campground; managing campground occupancy logs, posting reservation tags, assisting visitors by answering questions, and providing maps and information. An electric vehicle is provided to facilitate coverage of the campground and to assist campers. No janitorial services are required.

Volunteers work four days a week with three days

off. A full hook-up campsite with water, sewer, and electric service up to 50 amps is provided for a minimum of 20 hours, per occupant, each week. Volunteers must have their own recreational vehicle or trailer. Experience working with diverse populations of the public is helpful. A background check is required of applicants for this position.



Visitor Center & Museum Hours

Enjoy working with people? Then join our team of dedicated Visitor Center Volunteers! Duties include greeting and assisting visitors, providing maps and information, answering phone calls, opening and closing the facilities, selling annual passes, and possible archival assistance. The New Melones Lake Visitor Center and Museum is open Friday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Full or half day shifts are available. A background check is required of applicants for this volunteer position.



Special Events Volunteer

New Melones hosts several special events each year including a Kids Fishing Fun Fair, Great Sierra River Cleanup, and National Public Lands Day. Volunteers are needed in many different ways: equipment set-up, mentoring young fishermen, staffing registration or educational booths, and trash removal.



Wildlife Monitoring

Be a part of a wildlife survey team! Reliable volunteers are needed to participate in osprey and eagle surveys during the year. Additional volunteer opportunities may be available assisting staff in monitoring for invasive aquatic mussels.

For More Information

Please contact Mike McGraw, Park Ranger/Volunteer Coordinator, Bureau of Reclamation, New Melones Lake, 6850 Studhorse Flat Road, Sonora, CA 95370. Office Telephone at this link: <https://www.usbr.gov/mp/cao/newmelones/contact.html> (TTY 800-877-8339) or ejohnson@usbr.gov