



Friends of the
Desert Mountains

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION



Volunteer assistance is very important to Friends of the Desert Mountains (“Friends”) in our work to preserve open space lands within and surrounding the Coachella Valley, and to provide support to the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. Please check the activities below that interest you, complete the bottom sections of the form, and return it by fax or mail to address below. Volunteer training is available throughout the year.

- Serve as a National Monument representative at the National Monument Visitor Center. Friends Volunteers handle public relations and process occasional retail transactions in the Visitor Centers Gift Shop / Bookstore. The Visitor Center is located on Hwy 74, at the base of the mountains, about 4-miles south of Hwy III. It is open every day from 9am to 4pm. Various shifts available.
- Lead interpretive walks through the short Garden Walk at the National Monument Visitor Center.
- Assist with environmental education lessons in schools and on field trips (H.I.K.E. Program).
- Provide hospitality services at public programs: set up and tear down, greet visitors, provide refreshments, hand out promotional materials.
- Join our stewardship programs: i.e., wildlife monitoring, native plant surveys, trail maintenance, cultural heritage site stewardship, and /or lands monitoring (groundtruthing).
- Lead or assist on hiking programs.
- Join our invasive plant cleanup and habitat restoration projects.
- Help keep the National Monument Visitor Center neat, clean, and beautiful.
- Assist with event administrative tasks (i.e. mailings, event planning, data entry, phone calls, etc).
- Present our Adopt-an-Acre fundraising program slide show or PowerPoint presentation.
- Help out by providing specialized trades work (e.g. printing, engraving, artistry, tech help, etc.).

Please Print:

Name: _____ Date: _____ Phone(s): _____

Address: _____
Number Street City State Zip

E-mail Address: _____ Home internet access? (Circle one) Y N

Skills, Talents, Expertise _____ Birthday: (month/day only) _____

Year-round valley resident? Y N If no, when are you in town? _____ thru _____

Out-of-town Address: _____
Number Street City State Zip

P.O. Box 1281, Palm Desert, CA 92261
 Phone: (760) 862-9084 ♦ FAX: (760) 346-3246
 Email: ssegal@desertmountains.org

What are some of your special skills, interests, or hobbies?

Hold Harmless – Liability Release Agreement

1. Volunteer expressly assumes all risks relating in any manner to any Personal Injuries suffered by Volunteer, whether caused by any act, omission, fault, defect, and/or negligence of the Friends of the Desert Mountains (the “Friends”), the Volunteer, or any third party, while Volunteer is volunteering for the Friends. For purposes of this Agreement, “Personal Injuries” shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, any and all types of bodily injuries as well as any and all forms of emotional distress. Also, I give my consent for photos, which I may be pictured in, to be used for Friends / National Monument publicity.

2. Volunteer releases and holds harmless the Friends from any and all liability and Damages of any nature whatsoever (e.g., pain and suffering, emotional distress, lost income or wages, medical expenses), attorneys' fees, court costs, and other expenses incurred by Volunteer and/or Volunteer's Agents, arising from or relating in any manner to any Personal Injuries suffered or allegedly suffered by Volunteer while volunteering for the Friends, whether caused by any act, omission, fault, defect, and/or negligence of the Friends, the Volunteer, or any third party.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Please Print:

Name: _____ Phone(s): _____

Address: _____

Relationship to Volunteer: _____

The Friends of the Desert Mountains is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to acquire and preserve lands in the Coachella Valley; to date, our endeavors have preserved over 30,000 acres in the Coachella Valley. We also serve as the support arm for the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, which borders the southern and western edges of our valley.

For more information about Volunteering with Friends of Desert Mountains,

Contact: Scott Segal, Director of Programs

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