



Volunteer & Intern Information Packet

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the Sacramento Adventure Playground. We would be delighted to have you volunteer at the Playground! The Adventure Playground is a unique environment, and we want to ensure that we are a good fit for your time. Please read this packet in its entirety and review our website at sacadventureplay.org to ensure that we are a good fit for you.

Volunteer Requirements:

- Volunteers must be 18 years of age.
- Youth volunteers ages 16 or 17 may be accepted but are mostly limited to general clean-up (including nail removal). These hours are often available during regular programming hours, and as early as 9am on Saturdays (limited to 9am-12pm on Community Event Saturdays). Youth Volunteers at an activity station must have an adult present and supervising their performance or have demonstrated the ability to volunteer independently. Or be within an accepted youth work program.
- We will gladly sign off on any educational community service hours. We cannot accept any volunteers via court order service.
- We ask that all volunteers have a vehicle at the site, or transportation available 15 minutes prior to ending time. Youth groups must have the adult supervisor present until all youth are picked up.
- All volunteers need to be able to communicate and work with youth. Volunteers should never have their phones out while volunteering.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Community Day or Special Event Activity Station

Community Days are held the second Saturday of the month from February – November, and there are a variety of special events throughout the year. This is when we need you the most! Volunteers are needed to run special activity stations. Stations vary by month but may include: Bubbles, Mud Play, Paint Station, Box Play, Sponge Art, 2-Man Whip Saw, or a themed activity with a special event. Community Days are held from 11 AM to 4 PM. Volunteers are needed from 10:30 AM – 4:15 PM. Special Events times vary.

Volunteer Organization Stations: Organizations are invited to host their own station on a Community Day and some Special Events, especially organizations that believe in “free play” and/or environmental play. It is also the best way to serve the Playground and the community. We encourage you to set up your own Activity Station that is along the lines of adventure play of special event theme. Community Days are held from 11 AM to 4 PM. Please discuss the details of your station ideas with the Play Manager.

College Student Project Based

We are able to accommodate college students looking for volunteer credits towards school, organization or such. A wide range of opportunities can be done from working a Community Day or



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special event (above) to a defined project or activity. Tell us the time you wish to volunteer and what you are looking for and we will come up with something.

Sac State Child Development Internships

We are an approved provider for your 40 hour internship for Child Development 132 at Sac State. This is a tremendous opportunity to learn about the amazing educational benefits to “free” and “risky” play. We’ll show you how to “facilitate play” rather than direct it, and how to take the adventure theme into a classroom setting. We are known as a fun project place, and for students having the best stories at their presentations. It is not an experience you will forget. NOTE: By the program guidelines we are asked not to communicate specific internship information until the Friday of your first week of class.

The Store

Operation of the *Store*. Oversee temporary youth operation, disperse paints, pay rewards and generally interacting with youth. Hours available anytime Playground is open for public play.

General and Parental Assistance

If you have limited time, are unavailable on Community or Special Event Days, or are a parent that remains at the Playground while your children play, we would appreciate your help with general clean-up at the Playground. General clean-up may include returning wood, junk, and tools to their areas. These hours can be scheduled on most any days during public hours.

Group Service Organizations

We will gladly work with your organization or company on a volunteer service project. The projects can range from general clean-up or facility improvement to crafting a new playground feature or assistance at our large events.

How to Apply to be a Volunteer

1. Review the Volunteer Requirements and Opportunities.
2. **Adults** – Email Play Manager of desire, availability and any pertinent information (any group affiliation, type of volunteer duty desired, etc.)
Youth - Complete the Volunteer Application Parts I & II. Return your completed application to the Sacramento Adventure Playground email, drop off, or post.

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