



Santa Clara County

Open Space Authority

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Wanted: Volunteers with Hiking Boots, Mountain Bike, or Horse!

San Jose, CA – Whether you're an accomplished outdoor enthusiast, or someone whose hiking boots or mountain bike are still clean, you are invited to join the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority's Volunteer Trail Patrol. This is a great opportunity to spend some time outdoors, learn about the wonderful open space lands that are preserved in Santa Clara County, and help educate hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians on the trail.

As part of the Authority's Volunteer Trail Patrol, you will actively participate in the protection of open space lands and assist in monitoring visitor use. You will distribute information, brochures, and maps to preserve visitors, educate visitors about proper trail use and safety, and provide staff with information on trail use patterns and trail conditions. Not only will you be outside among beautiful open space lands, you will also be giving back to the Authority by helping to manage these public lands.

Interest, enthusiasm, and a desire to help educate others about the open space lands are the main requirements to join the Patrol. Trail Patrol Volunteers must attend a 2-day training session provided by the Authority, and periodic Trail Patrol meetings. All of these sessions are guaranteed to be fun and informative, and will help each volunteer stay informed about the many aspects of the Authority's open space lands. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, and are asked to commit to patrolling for a minimum of four hours per month. All volunteers receive an official Open Space Authority Volunteer Trail Patrol vest and nametag to be used while on patrol.

Equestrian volunteers need to own, or have regular access to, a horse and must successfully complete a qualification ride with a volunteer trainer. Volunteer bicyclists must provide their own bikes, and are required to wear helmets.

You are wanted...for the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority Volunteer Trail Patrol! The next training is scheduled for January 15th and 29th. You must attend both days to be certified as a Trail Patrol volunteer. Sign up now. Full details and registration are available through Lori Raymaker at 408-224-7476 or by visiting the Authority's website at www.OpenSpaceAuthority.org.

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The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority is an independent special district created in 1993 to help preserve, protect and manage urban and non-urban open space in the areas of Campbell, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, San Jose, and Southern Santa Clara County. The Authority has preserved over 9,000 acres of land and manages over 1,000 acres of conservation easements and mitigation lands.

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