

# Become a Campground Host

#### **WANTED!**

Volunteers to work and live at a National Forest campground, with opportunities to meet different people, learn a lot about an area and serve the Nation's public!

Sound interesting? We call it the Campground Host Program, and it's sponsored by the 17 National Forests in California. As part of this program, the Angeles National Forest is looking for motivated, interested people to serve as Hosts at various campgrounds within the Forest.

### WHAT IS A CAMPGROUND HOST?

Campground Hosts are National Forest volunteers who serve as campground patrons; they greet visitors, provide information, and help with grounds up keep. Their primary mission is to serve as a point of public contact.

Specifically, Campground Hosts serve campground users by:

- 1. Offering information and explaining regulations such as the campground fee system. They answer questions on local attractions, activities, services and current road, trail and fishing conditions.
- 2. Performing minor maintenance on camp ground facilities. Hosts also do limited campsite cleaning and help keep the campground litter free.
- 3. Referring visitors who need help to the proper Forest Officer.
- 4. Acting as the "eyes and ears" of the Forest Service by monitoring campground use.

What sort of people become Campground Hosts? Although Hosts are of different ages and backgrounds, they are friendly, cooperative and like to help others. They enjoy the outdoors, and are eager to learn and share knowledge about their Forest area. Hosts must be at least 18 years old and supply their own registered, self contained accommodations. Many Campground Hosts are retired persons who enjoy spending their summers in the mountains.

In return for their help, Campground Hosts may stay at a Forest Service campground for part or all of a season. Hosts do not pay recreation fees, and they may be reimbursed by the Forest Service for incidental expenses. Campground Hosts are covered by work injury compensation and the Federal Tort Claims Act.

The satisfaction of helping both the National Forest and its visitors is Hosting's greatest reward. There's really no substitute for the personal touch that makes a camper feel welcome and "at home". By their presence, Hosts also minimize vandalism, thereby saving the taxpayer many dollars in up keep and property damage.

Campground Hosts meet visitors from all walks of life, and many Hosts and campers return to the same campground year after year, sharing memories and stories of winter activities.

#### HOW CAN YOU BECOME A CAMPGROUND HOST?

Fill out the registration form below on this notice and send it to the Forest Service office that administers your favorite campground. As part of the **Host** selection process, a background survey is conducted for all potential Hosts.

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# PROSPECTIVE CAMPGROUND HOST REGISTRATION

### PLEASE PRINT

Name (Last, First, Middle)	
Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	
Telephone Number(s) where we may reach you	
Dates of Availability	
Type of your camping/RV equipment	
Campground (if known) where you would like to work	
Tell us about yourself - (related skills, interests, experience)	

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