



RDCO Volunteer Position Description

Position Title: Park Partners

Division: Parks Services

Reports To: Volunteer Coordinator

Position Purpose/Summary:

Park Partners are volunteer groups who want to come together and volunteer their time for a short-term project of their choosing. Typically, these volunteers come from local schools, businesses or organizations that have a strong connection to our Okanagan Regional Parks and want to keep the parks beautiful. Park Partners may also want to engage their students or employees with Regional Parks to strengthen their connection to nature and instill a sense of environmental stewardship amongst their teams. If your group has an idea for clean-up, replanting, maintenance, surveying, community engagement, education and/or environmental projects please connect with our Volunteer Coordinator at parks.volunteers@rdco.com

Principal Accountabilities:

Tasks and roles of the Park Partner Volunteers may change from time to time and as needed. Some of the regularly requested duties will include the following.

1. Submit a proposal for the considered project including time frame (dates, times, length of project etc.), number of participants, name of Liaison and main goal for the project;
2. RDCO has maintenance, gardening, and general PPE equipment available for use. Please note the supplies required per project.
3. Ensure there is an on-site First Aid attendant for your group at all times;
4. When possible, include uniforms or signage to display on the day(s) of your project;
5. Be creative, have fun and know you're making a difference!

Knowledge, Skills & Experience

Requirements:

- Assign one member of the group as Liaison to the Volunteer Coordinator
- A main list of each participant
- First Aid Level 1 – at least 1-2 members of the group will require proof of certification

Considerations:

Projects will be reviewed prior to confirmation. The Regional Parks all have unique biodiverse and environmental needs, so these will be considered. An alternate park may be offered for the same work if it's considered a better fit. Therefore, please choose three possible parks for your project.

Assets:

- Related life or vocational experience in leading outdoor trail hikes, outdoor recreation, nature guiding
- Wilderness and remote first aid training
- Member of Outdoor Council of Canada or similar organizations and groups
- Knowledge of Okanagan wildlife, flora and fauna, or a willingness to learn
- Ability to speak and/or understand a second language
- Understanding of syilx / Okanagan culture and traditions

Working Conditions:

- **Physical Effort:** light to heavy lifting
- **Physical Environment:** Majority outside work, exposed to all weather conditions
- **Mental Stress:** Occasional confrontational situations
- **Sensory Attention:** Consistent requirement to be aware of safety when performing maintenance duties and operating equipment. Be watchful for wildlife on park trails