



National Volunteer Week

April 17 - 23, 2022

Shining a Light on Those Who Serve

Across USACE we celebrate National Volunteer Week by shining a light on those individuals that give their time and talent to make a difference at our projects and in our communities.

In the South Pacific Division, we are shining a light on volunteers at Lake Mendocino and Stanislaus River Parks.

South Pacific Division

Located near the gateway to the Redwoods, the Coyote Valley Dam, Lake Mendocino provides 1,822 surface acres of water that are surrounded by over 5,000 acres of land. Lake Mendocino offers many recreational opportunities including over 300 campsites and 15 miles of hiking and biking trails. The project volunteer coordinator is Sadie Parker.



39,062
HOURS SERVED BY VOLUNTEERS IN SPD

Stanislaus River Parks, located just a few minutes NE of Modesto in the central valley of California, is a serene series of small parks located along the Stanislaus River. These parks provide exciting fishing, rafting, and canoeing opportunities. Volunteers are coordinated by Frankie Bowers.



\$1,114,836
VALUE OF TIME VOLUNTEERED



Adam & Kara Paul

As adventurers and dedicated volunteers, Adam and Kara Paul came to Lake Mendocino with years of relevant experience and remarkable can-do attitudes. They've served and continue to serve at parks and other USACE projects across the country, including in USACE's Jacksonville District. Adam and Kara provided invaluable service to Lake Mendocino throughout a challenging 2021 summer. Though selected as camp hosts, they graciously shifted their responsibilities to cover a wide variety of other tasks when we faced unexpected trials and tribulations opening our campgrounds. The community in and around Lake Mendocino watched and respected Adam's tremendous, laborious improvements to many of our areas and revered Kara's application of considerable expertise to our park gardens. Above all else, their kindness, affability, and humor that radiated wherever they went were appreciated by staff and visitors alike at Lake Mendocino.



Provide labor and skill set for park area improvements



Complete garden improvements





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Penny and Larry Carter

Penny and Larry Carter have had major beneficial impacts at Stanislaus River Parks, California during their eight years of volunteering, totaling 8,376 volunteer hours served. Penny and Larry's participation in managing the Knights Ferry Information Center during the winter and spring seasons has created a lasting positive effect on the hundreds of thousands of visitors they have contacted.

Notably, their involvement in water safety education and interpretation has increased visitor safety. They have supported the natural resource and recreation programs by planting trees and maintaining project assets. Additionally, they are frequently called upon to paint and maintain BBQ pits, lending to the overall experience for visitors at Stanislaus River Parks.



Volunteered over 8,000 hours of service



Supports natural resources improvements



Provide water safety education



Assisting in painting projects



Provide a helping hand to visitors and USACE staff

The team at Stanislaus River Parks truly values and appreciates the tireless support Penny and Larry Carter have provided.



THANK YOU

To all of our volunteers in the South Pacific Division!

