



Mounted Ranger Volunteer

Position Description

Purpose of Volunteer Service: To serve as an ambassador for the District by patrolling the preserves on horseback. Enhance public safety by providing information and assistance when needed. Represent the District in local parades.

Supervisors: Mounted Ranger President, Volunteer Coordinator

Typical Assignment: Patrol District properties monthly on horseback and participate in parades, parking details and other special events.

Qualifications/Skills:

- Enjoy interaction with the general public.
- Flexibility and ability to work as a team with Mounted Rangers and District staff.
- Willingness to learn about the various forest preserves and their amenities.
- Ability to assume a leadership role in providing information and handling emergency situations until medical personnel or District staff arrives.



Requirements:

- Must be 21 years old.
- Must be an experienced rider with access to a horse or mule plus transportation and western tack.
- Pay a non-refundable \$25 membership fee to the Mounted Rangers (not to the District).
- Must complete a one-year probation period after which performance is evaluated and probationary members are voted into the group.
- Wear uniform and badge provided once the probationary period is finished.
- Mount must be safe for exposure to the public.
- Must be available on weekends and some week nights.
- Keep track of volunteer hours and report them to the Mounted Rangers' secretary each month. The secretary should then report the hours to the District Volunteer Coordinator.

Expectations:

- Commit to approximately 40 hours of volunteer time per year.
- Arrive ½ hour before patrol begins to prepare mount and discuss route for the day.
- Notify Kane County Sheriff's office upon arrival and provide a location. Call again at the end of patrol.
- Notify the President or Vice President promptly if you are unable to meet a scheduled commitment and help to find a substitute.
- Represent District in a warm and professional manner.
- Provide suggestions for improvement of the volunteer program and/or your volunteer position.

Training:

Volunteers are required to attend the *Volunteer Orientation*. Mounted Rangers will also participate practice sessions and will receive hands-on training while on patrol. Further information on the District preserves can be viewed online at www.kaneforest.com.