



JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAMS

at
Mount Diablo
State Park



INCLUSION

California State Parks supports equal access. Prior to participation, participants with disabilities who need assistance should contact Mount Diablo State Park at 925-673-2891.

SPONSORSHIP

Junior Ranger Programs at Mount Diablo State Park are offered by California State Parks with the support of the Mount Diablo Interpretive Association.

**OUTDOOR EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN
7 TO 12 YEARS OF AGE**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Junior Rangers is a series of outdoor education programs offered by Mount Diablo State Park. Topics include: prehistoric times, wildlife, geology, ecology, Native Americans, and history. Sessions include: instructional presentations, hands-on activities, and hikes. Each session is hosted by a park docent and a park ranger and held at various locations in the Park.

PARTICIPATION

Participation is open to children, 7 to 12 years of age. Advance registration is required. Registration for each program is limited to fifteen children, plus one adult per child. While there is no charge for Junior Rangers, payment of the Park's entrance fee is required.



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Each participant receives a workbook and other materials. Awards are given at each stage of completion.

REGISTRATION

Registration begins about two months before each program. However, interest may be noted at any time by contacting Steve Elliott at 925-362-8697 or by email to SAE612@msn.com. You will be contacted when registration begins.



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PROGRAM OFFERINGS

BEGINNING JUNIOR RANGERS

Beginning Junior Rangers is the starting point for all Junior Ranger participants at Mount Diablo State Park. It provides introductory exposure to many different topics and features a weekly hike.

This program is five 3-hour Saturday sessions in May-June each year. Participants must attend at least three sessions and complete self studies for missed topics. Successful completion includes a graduation ceremony.

JUNIOR RANGERS II

Participation in Junior Rangers II is by invitation to graduates of the Beginning Program. Junior Rangers II is primarily hands-on activities that build on prior exposure. This program includes more challenging hikes, one of which includes archeological dig training.



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Junior Rangers II is three 3-hour Saturday sessions on consecutive Saturdays in September-October. Completion requires attending all three sessions.

ADVANCED JUNIOR RANGERS

Advanced Junior Rangers is a series of half or full day sessions focused on specific areas such as geology, California Indian life, or other themes.

By invitation only, advanced sessions are for experienced Junior Rangers and are scheduled throughout the year.



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