

**Merced Irrigation District**

**Parks and Recreation Department**

**Volunteer Campground Host Service Agreement**

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*(To be completed by Host)*

Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (1<sup>st</sup>): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (2<sup>nd</sup>): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

*(To be completed by MID)*

Agreement Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Agreement Termination Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned Campground: \_\_\_\_\_ Assigned Camp Site: \_\_\_\_\_

## Volunteer Service Agreement

This Volunteer Campground Host Service Agreement (Agreement) is entered into between the Merced Irrigation District (MID) and the Volunteer named hereinabove (Host). The Host agrees to perform the duties and tasks outlined in this Agreement, the MID Campground Host Program, and as summarized in the initial orientation and meeting to be held between MID staff and the Host. In exchange, MID agrees to provide the Host with consideration as provided herein.

The Host agrees to provide or do the following:

- a) Host understands and acknowledges that he/she will not be compensated for any voluntary service provided hereunder or for any work performed on behalf of MID, unless provided for herein. Host may request reimbursement of necessary and allowable expenses, when authorized in advance by the MID Director of Parks and Recreation. Any request for reimbursement shall be in writing.
- b) Host shall comply with all MID policies, regulations, directives and instructions as may be provided by MID staff, and to conduct himself/herself in a pleasant, courteous and professional manner at all times. Host should conduct themselves in a manner so as not to disrupt visiting members of the public. No alcoholic beverages shall be consumed while performing Host duties and responsibilities, nor shall Host appear intoxicated or under the influence of any form of alcohol or drugs, at any time.
- c) Host shall maintain nightly availability at the assigned campground (e.g., McSwain, McClure Point, Horseshoe Bend, Barrett Cove, etc.) for minimum of 4 nights per week, including weekends and holidays. The weekly schedule will be determined by the MID Director of Parks and Recreation in cooperation with the Host.
  - a. Host will be scheduled to work an average of 4 hours per day, and between 20 and 30 hours per week, as may be needed by MID. Host work duties may be divided between couples, as determined appropriate by the MID Director of Parks and Recreation.
  - b. Host shall inform the MID Director of Parks and Recreation of any illness or planned absence, as soon as reasonably practicable.
  - c. Even when not specifically scheduled for service, Host should consider himself/herself "on call" to assist other park visitors or members of the public, when needed.
- d) Host shall wear a shirt, hat and name tag provided by MID when performing Host duties and responsibilities on behalf of MID.
- e) Host will hand out informational pamphlets and copies of park rules and regulations, or other general information, and perform a public relations role for MID by responding to questions from the general public, as may be appropriate.
- f) Host may be asked to perform light work tasks from time to time, such as litter pickup, light restroom cleanup or restocking, or assisting MID staff in performing duties, as may be appropriate.

- g) Host will report all disturbances or inappropriate conduct/activity to MID staff. Host shall not attempt to apprehend, discipline, reprimand or otherwise take any law enforcement action, at any time. Host shall serve as a pleasant ambassador of MID and educator of park rules, not an enforcer.
  - a. Host is encouraged to keep a written log of disturbances or inappropriate conduct/activity, complaints or criticism of MID facilities, and notes of any items that may need maintenance or attention. This log may be informal and kept as convenient for the Host.
- h) Host shall provide his/her own camping gear and personal items, and shall maintain his/her assigned campsite in any an orderly fashion, at all times. The MID Director of Parks and Recreation shall approve of the installation of any personal item or structure outside of the Host's camper/trailer, other than what would otherwise be acceptable to any other member of the public visiting the campground. A maximum of 2 pets are allowed, but shall be kept under physical restraint at all times. No vicious animals or pets considered a "nuisance" may be kept on MID property.
- i) Host shall abide by all MID campground rules and regulations, other than those expressly waived by this Agreement. Assigned camp spaces are for the use of the Host (and his/her spouse) only. Overnight guests with the Host by dependents, relatives or friends is discouraged but may be allowed by the MID Director of Parks and Recreation on a case-by-case basis.
- j) At no time shall the Host collect a fee, accept a tip, or assist a member of the public if doing so involves the handling or exchange of money.
- k) Upon Host's completion of volunteer service, the Host shall remove all of his/her camping equipment and the campsite area must be left clean and in good repair. Upon expiration of this Agreement, Host will be charged for park and campsite use if the campsite has not been vacated and a new agreement is not signed and in place.

MID agrees to provide or do the following during the term of this Agreement:

- a) Provide the Host with a campsite at the Host's assigned campground, together with complementary usage of associated water, electrical, sewer and garbage services, which shall be limited to reasonable and normal use.
  - a. MID agrees to waive all admission to MID Parks facilities, campground fees/charges as well as boat fees (if desired). Host shall be allowed a maximum of 2 personal vehicles in addition to their trailer/motorhome.
- b) MID waives its rule providing for a maximum stay within its campgrounds, and prohibiting the establishment of permanent residence.
- c) MID shall provide Host and his/her spouse with training as may be reasonably needed to enable the Host to perform his/her duties and responsibilities, including an initial orientation training.

- d) MID shall provide Host and his/her spouse with T-shirts, hats and name badges for use while performing Host duties and responsibilities.
- e) MID shall provide a sign to be placed at the Host's campsite to designate the site as belonging to the MID Campground Host.

The MID Director of Parks and Recreation or her designee shall determine the quality, fitness, promptness and acceptability of the Host's service, and may terminate or cancel this Agreement for any reason and at any time by providing written notice to the Host. Said decision shall be final and conclusive, and not appealable to the MID Board of Directors. The Host may terminate this Agreement for any reason and at any time by providing written notice to the MID Director of Parks and Recreation. MID may, in its discretion, assume liability for tort claims against the Host arising from acts or omissions occurring within the course and scope of authorized volunteer service hereunder.

The Host is performing volunteer work for MID, and shall not be considered an employee of MID for purposes of wages, and shall not be compensated by wages or stipend. Host shall not be permitted to participate in any public employee retirement program or other form of benefit offered to MID employees. The Host understands and agrees that any injuries sustained when performing volunteer service under this Agreement shall not be included within the scope of workers compensation coverage held by MID. Host agrees that any such injuries shall be covered by Hosts own personal healthcare insurance, which Host agrees to maintain during the entire term of this Agreement. MID provides no insurance or guarantee for the damage or theft of Host's personal property.

This Agreement is effective as of the date 1<sup>st</sup> written above.

Volunteer Approval: I hereby volunteer my services as a volunteer for the Merced Irrigation District.

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Host signature

Merced Irrigation District

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Brooke Gutierrez  
Director of Parks and Recreation