

**DENVER PARKS & RECREATION (DPR)
NEIGHBORHOOD COYOTE CREW VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**



Objective: Volunteers will conduct coyote hazing in and around their neighborhood. Volunteers help provide valuable information to City and County of Denver residents about how to live safely and responsibly with coyotes, protect their pets, and keep wildlife wild.

Program Description: Denver Coyote Crew volunteers will conduct prescribed coyote hazing, and assist Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) District Wildlife Managers, in educating community members on how to co-exist with coyotes.

Training: Training is required to participate in this program. Training topics will include coyote biology and behavior, coyote-specific research, legal issues, communication techniques, DPR and CPW messages, hazing techniques, and more!

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Conduct hazing of coyotes that are displaying undesirable behavior. Hazing will be conducted in the immediate area of affected residences.
- Canvass neighborhoods, parks, and other “hot spots” talking to residents and distribute informational materials about coyotes.
- Contact local pet stores and veterinary clinics to enlist their assistance in getting information on protecting pets around coyotes disseminated.
- Assist (as needed) DPR with neighborhood public presentations, community meetings, etc.
- Represent DPR in a professional and responsible manner by keeping with DPR messages while in appropriate volunteer clothing.



- Approach the public in a pleasant and respectful manner. Remain calm during emotionally intense situations.

Availability and Time Commitment:

- Crew members are asked to contribute service hours as needed throughout the year (January – December).

Qualifications

- Willingness and ability to represent DPR and CPW's policies regarding wildlife issues
- Patience and ability to stay calm in emotionally-charged situations
- Good listening skills
- Exceptional communication skills
- Flexible schedule
- Ability to travel within the City and County of Denver to respond to calls
- Must be self-motivated and self-directed
- Be dependable and excel at working individually or as a team member
- Excellent decision-making skills and judgment
- Passion for educating others about co-existing with wildlife
- Be 18 years of age or older. Those under 18 may work directly with an adult volunteer with parental permission on a case-by-case basis
- Must successfully pass a background check.

Contact:

For an application or other information regarding the volunteer program, please contact:

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