



CHIEF HOSA CAMPGROUND VOLUNTEER CAMP HOST POSITION DESCRIPTION

Overview

Chief Hosa Campground was opened to the public in 1918 and has served campers in the foothills west of Denver for over a century. The campground is owned and operated by the City and County of Denver and features 48 tent and RV sites. RV sites include water and 30- or 50-amp electrical hookups, and the host site includes a sewer hookup. Camper facilities include a dump station, dish washing station, community activity area, and a bathroom with flushing toilets, running water, and coin-operated showers. We are in the processes of planning and construction for a new campground office and improvements to the community activity area.

We are seeking friendly and engaging volunteer camp hosts for the 2022 camping season, which runs from May 1st – the 3rd Sunday in September. Camp hosts generally begin in mid-April to complete training and help prepare for opening and remain for one to two weeks after the campground closes to help close up the campground for the winter. Camp hosts provide their own well-maintained motorhome or trailer and camping fees are waived for the host site.

Duties and Conduct

Camp hosts help create a positive and welcoming experience for campers and guests. Hosts will greet and orient campers, help them check into and find their site, answer questions, provide information about local activities, and provide information about park and campground rules. Hosts should also expect the occasional late-night camper inquiry or complaint. Hosts may assist campers in making or changing online reservations but will not be responsible for collecting payments. Camp hosts will tend to light housekeeping and maintenance duties such as daily restroom upkeep (park maintenance staff will perform regular deep cleaning), tidying campsites, repairing picnic tables, changing lightbulbs, and reporting any major maintenance needs to park staff. Camp hosts assist with site security by educating visitors about rules and reporting rule violations or emergencies to Park Ranger or law enforcement staff. Hosts assist with rule education but do not engage in rule enforcement.

Hosts will receive a Denver Parks and Recreation hat, shirt, name badge, and vest with a volunteer patch. As representatives of the department, camp hosts must be neat, clean, and appropriately dressed and wear the provided volunteer identification items in conformance to department appearance standards.

The camp host must maintain a pleasant attitude and act in a professional manner when in front of the public. As a full-time resident of the park, behavior on and off duty is subject to the utmost of standards. The camp host will read and be in compliance with department information on sexual harassment, violence in the workplace and cultural sensitivity. As a government representative, promotion of personal religious beliefs and expression of political opinions is prohibited both on and off duty, for the duration that the volunteer is residing in the camp host site.

Camp Hosts must also follow all rules and regulations governing public conduct in the campground when off-duty. Inappropriate behavior, loud noise, public intoxication, and unauthorized personal use of park property will not be tolerated and may result in termination from the program. Private businesses may not be promoted.

All host site occupants are viewed by the public as department representatives; therefore all adults residing at the host site must complete volunteer paperwork and clear a background check before arrival.

Host Camp Site

A designated campsite at Chief Hosa Campground is set aside for the camp host with full hook-ups, a picnic table, mature trees, and parking. The site is back-in, measures approximately 60 feet in length, and includes water, sewer, and

50-amp electrical hook-up. The community of Bergen Park is located approximately 5 minutes away and offers a Walmart superstore, food and medical services, and a wide range of shopping and activities. The City of Denver and its suburbs are located 10-20 minutes east of the campground. Hiking and biking trails are accessible from the campsite.

The camp host may have pets. Outdoor pets must be physically confined to the host site and may not impede or inhibit park visitors from accessing the host's door. A fenced-in pet area may be constructed by the camp host around the residence. Pets must conform to the same rules and regulations as park visitors' pets regarding noise, leash laws, and waste pick-up.

Time Commitment

Camp hosts commit to 6 months and are on duty 4-5 days per week. Days off are flexible but weekend coverage is required. If multiple camp hosts are on duty for the season, weekend days may be split. Arrangements may be made for time away for special occasions. Camp hosts are typically occupied with volunteer hours for an average of five hours per workday, which varies depending on the season. Weekends require longer hours due to higher campground use. Core hours will include 10 am to noon and 1 pm to 3 pm to facilitate check-out and check-in. Weekdays have lower use, so most housekeeping duties can be completed during the week.

