



2009 Orient Mine Bat Tour Host Job Description

Title

Orient Mine Bat Tour Host

Organization Name

Orient Land Trust (OLT)

Position Overview

Orient Mine Bat Tour Hosts will lead evening walking tours to the Orient Mine to watch the bat outflight, managing the integrity of the bat habitat and educating visitors on the history of the Orient Mine as well as the natural history of Mexican free-tailed bats. Time and interest permitting, Orient Mine Bat Tour Hosts will also lead daytime tours of Orient Land Trust's hydroelectric facility.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Develop mine history and bat natural history talk based on existing resources
 - Training CD and printed materials with necessary facts and figures provided to develop your own talk
2. Lead safe, fun and educational tours to view bat outflight
 - Responsible for group behavior and protection of bat habitat
 - Coordinate with staff and visitors to develop and announce schedule of tours
3. Provide a presence at the Orient Mine in order to enrich the experience of visitors and monitor use of the mine property
4. Lead tours of OLT's hydroelectric facilities (optional), as time and interest allow
5. Engage Orient Land Trust visitors
 - Discuss OLT, its program and unique aspects
 - Encourage visitors to become members
 - Enforce bat viewing guidelines
 - Answer visitor questions
 - Receive feedback from a diverse group of visitors
 - Assist visitors as needed

Qualifications and Requirements

- Belief in the mission of OLT and understanding of its goals and programs
- Strong oral communication and people skills
- Experience leading educational tours
- Positive attitude
- Motivated, self-starter
- **Physical fitness level that allows 800' elevation gain and miles of walking daily**
- Interest in history and wildlife biology

Supervision and Training

The Orient Mine Bat Tour Host will work under the supervision of the Visitor Services Manager. Training will be provided by the Visitor Services Manager and the Executive Director.

Commitment Required and Place of Work

This is a full-time, unpaid position with a minimum length of service of one month. Temporary residence on the property is required. The Orient Mine Bat Tour Host will be responsible for carrying a two-way radio while on duty. The position runs from late June through mid-September. Bat tours can take up to 4 hours and hydroelectric tours can last 2 hours. The position will require approximately 30 hours of work per week.

The Orient Mine Bat Tour Host will be required to camp (tent or RV) onsite, at Valley View Hot Springs, a clothing-optional rustic hot springs retreat, or at the Orient Mine, an isolated area adjacent to Valley View Hot Springs. The location of The Orient Mine Bat Tour Host campsite will be given to all visitors and a photograph may be posted.

Benefits

The Orient Mine Bat Tour Host will gain valuable experience, educating a diverse group of people. In addition to having the satisfaction of contributing to the mission and goals of OLT, volunteers will receive free camping and use of the facilities for themselves and their immediate family while they are serving as host.

Volunteers who work a minimum of 15 hours per year will receive OLT Supporter level benefits (\$75.00-\$149.00). A Supporter level member or higher can also be a volunteer (working a minimum of 15 hours per year) and receive upgraded benefits to the next member level.

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To Apply

Please print an [application](#) from our website and fax to: 719 256 4317 or mail to: Orient Land Trust, PO Box 65, Villa Grove, CO 81155. You may include a letter outlining your experience, interest and why you would like to volunteer. If you need a copy of the application emailed or mailed to you or you have questions about the position, please call 719 256 5212. Thank you for your interest!