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Death Valley National Park Invites the Public to Volunteer Service Days

DEATH VALLEY, CA – Do you love Death Valley National Park? Now you can show your love by volunteering at service days.

During the holiday season, #OptOutside by giving back to your park. Clean-ups and other special holiday drop-in project days will be a perfect activity for travelers and families over Thanksgiving weekend and winter break. Winter months bring mild weather to the desert, making it a popular time to explore the unique landscape in more agreeable weather.

The next volunteer service days are Friday, November 25 and Saturday, November 26, from 9:00am until 12:00pm. Meet by 9:00am at the Furnace Creek Campground Amphitheater.

These drop-in days require no special skills. Just bring a water bottle, sun protection (hat and sunscreen), sturdy outdoor shoes, work or gardening gloves if you have them, and a can-do attitude!

Drop-in volunteer service projects are also scheduled for the second Saturday of each month through April: December 10th, January 14th, February 11th, March 11th, and April 8th. The park will welcome all volunteers to help clean up campground and day use areas. Check-in will begin at 8:30am and work will last approximately 9am-12pm. Bring a sack lunch for an optional post-clean-up social hour to celebrate your achievements with fellow volunteers. Details for each second Saturday volunteer project will be available the week before on the Death Valley National Park website and in the Furnace Creek Visitor Center. Check for details the week before each volunteer event at www.nps.gov/deva/planyourvisit/calendar.htm.

If you are part of a group (scouts, club, school group, community organization, etc.) who would like to plan your own service project in the park, a range of options for many ages are now available. Learn something about your park while helping to maintain important natural and cultural resources. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts can earn a special National Park Service patch.

If you have any questions about drop-in days or to set up your own group project, contact Kira Lucier at deva_volunteer@nps.gov or call (760) 786-3282.

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Photo caption: Volunteers cleaning up in Texas Springs Campground.

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