



KEN-CARYL RANCH MASTER ASSOCIATION

PRIVATE OPEN SPACE VOLUNTEER PATROLLER PROGRAM

PROGRAM COORDINATOR:

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VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Volunteer Patroller

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The Private Open Space Volunteer Patroller will serve as an extension of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association's Park Ranger Staff. Will provide visitor education on Open Space and Parks Rules, trail use guidelines and provide basic first aid knowledge/care. Will patrol areas by non-motorized travel such as hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, or snowshoeing.

DUTIES

- Provides a visible presence at Ken-Caryl Ranch private and public open space trails and parks while focusing efforts on frequently used trails especially during high visitation.
- Provide education to users relating to Ken-Caryl Ranch Rules & Regulations.
- Records and reports trail user comments, recreational trends, and safety issues to the park ranger staff.
- Completes and submits an electronic patrol log on a timely basis and will report volunteer hours to the KCR Trail Club.
- Assist KCRMA Park Rangers at educational events and on special patrols.

REQUIREMENTS

- Must be at least 25 years of age
- Must be a KCR Member in good standing in the community
- Patrolling on a mountain bike, must have own bike/helmet and have basic mountain biking skills
- Capable of working independently with little or no supervision
- Physical ability to work outdoors in various weather conditions in a variety of areas
- Complete at least 12 patrols per year on the trails/open space areas (mainly May – October)
- Must be willing to make routine contacts checking KCR Membership and provide basic rules education
- Must supply own cell phone
- May patrol outside of park ranger schedules and patrol may take 15 minutes or several hours

TRAINING

- New Volunteer Patrollers participate in orientation training with KCR Park Rangers, introduction to ranger services, conflict management, emergency response, outdoor safety and resource protection
- Returning volunteers are encouraged to participate in the training, but not required. Any program updates will be via email.
- A mentored patrol with experienced Volunteer Patroller is encouraged for new volunteers

BENEFITS

- Enjoy the outdoors while representing Ken-Caryl Ranch
- Meet other volunteers with shared interests and experiences
- Share experiences and visitor perspectives with KCRMA staff
- Develop a greater understanding of the role and mission of KCRMA
- Opportunities to participate in events created especially for volunteers

PRIVATE OPEN SPACE VOLUNTEER PATROLLER PROGRAM PROCEDURE

NEXT STEPS

- 1. Download an application and Letter of Commitment from the Ken-Caryl Ranch Website.
Submit an Application by February 28, 2021.**

May drop off documents at the Ranger office, Ranch House or email applications to Program Coordinator; Matt Öven, KCRMA Park Ranger Supervisor.

Applications are available online at: <https://ken-caryl-ranch.org/open-space/volunteer/volunteer-patroller-application/>

- 2. Phone interview**

- 3. Attend a New Volunteer Orientation and Training**

All new volunteers are required to attend a New Volunteer Orientation/Training to become familiar with the program. This 2-hour introductory classroom training is designed for volunteers new to the Volunteer Patroller Program. Topics covered will be how to communicate effectively with visitors and how to respond to emergencies. This training is mandatory. There will NOT be an alternate date!

The annual training date will be scheduled during the month of April and a ranger will contact you with the date and time.

Orientation/Training sessions are held:
KCRMA Park Ranger Office/Dakota Lodge
14422 W. Ken-Caryl Ave, Littleton CO 80127

- 4. Schedule a Mentored Patrol**

Rangers will offer to shadow you on your first patrol, and we will also distribute contact information of seasoned Volunteer Patroller mentors who will patrol with you on your first patrol. You will need to contact them to schedule a patrol. The schedule for a mentored patrol is flexible – you and your mentor decide on a time and date that works best for both of you.

- 5. Acquire your patrol vest/gear and go on your first patrol!**