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PARK TALK



Dear <<First Name>>,

Park Talk: New Employees



Name: Robert Wagner

Title: Park Ranger

Start Date: September 20, 2012

Work Location: Lake Skinner Recreation Area

Duties: Assist the public by answering questions and enforcing park policies. Create a safe environment for our guests and employees. Collect fees and register campers. Assist with park maintenance projects.

Previous work history and qualifications: Robert has worked for the Park District as a Park Maintenance Worker for the past 4 hours. He has two Associate Degrees in the field of Agriculture-Horticulture. He spent 32 years working in various aspects of construction and maintenance, including 20 years

with the U.S. Department of Justice, 12 of those as a supervisor.

Key skills/qualities: Robert works well with people. He is skilled in all areas of grounds and maintenance work and is the go-to person for the IMMS turf management and Splash Pad repairs. He is supportive of District goals and helped with Park Ranger duties over the past year, during the Park Ranger shortage.

Robert is a native of California. He resides in San Diego with his wife and two cats. His adult children also live in San Diego. His interests include physical fitness, such as weight training and Pilates. He says he is a bit of a “gym rat” and is a certified group exercise instructor for a national health club chain. He loves baseball, basketball, tennis and football. His new passion is ice hockey, which he started playing about 18 months ago.



Name: Mia Roberts

Title: Park Ranger I

Start Date: September 6, 2012

Work Location: Lake Skinner Recreation Area

Duties: Assist the public by answering questions and enforcing park policies. Create a safe environment for our guests and employees. Collect fees and register campers. Assist with park maintenance projects.

Previous work history and qualifications: Mia has varied work experience; a few of her most recent include working as a ranger for the beach areas along the Santa Ana River. She was a Wilderness/Outdoor Recreation Management intern for the Bureau of Land Management. She has held some other interesting positions, such as PR, Volunteer and Research Coordinator for a company

in Costa Rica.

Key skills/qualities: Bachelor of Integrative Biology from UC Berkley. Certified in desert survival and defensive driving. ArcGIS 10. Map reading/orienteering. Public speaking. Capable equestrienne. Fluent in Spanish.

Mia is a native of Riverside. She has a lot of different interests, but she really loves to salsa dance. She also loves to horseback ride, camp, and being outside. She states she is also a big biology geek.



Name: Terri Ellison

Title: Grounds Worker

Start Date: September 20, 2012

Work Location: McCall Equestrian Park

Duties: All aspects of grounds maintenance and custodial care. Customer service for reading trail maps and understanding park rules. Bank statement preparation. Fee collection.

Previous work history and qualifications: Terri has worked at McCall Equestrian Park through the TAP office for approximately six years.

Key skills/qualities: Terri has over 20 years of experience with riding and caring for horses and Mules.

Terri says McCall Park is a great place for her to work, as she loves to meet new people. She enjoys camping and horseback riding, and she rides Mules. She has lived in the area for 20 some years and most of her horse camping has been at McCall Park.

Name: Justin Torregano

Title: Office Assistant II



Start Date: September 10, 2012

Work Location: Park Headquarters (HR & IT)

Duties: Justin will help with password resets, ordering phones and uniforms, keeping track of phone numbers and contact information lists, and many aspects of hiring and terminating employees. Too many others to list here!

Previous work history and qualifications: Most of you probably know Justin from his work with the Marketing division. He worked for TAP at the office of DPSS in 2011 and was an intern for the Park District in 2011. The remainder of the year of 2011 he was a Marketing Assistant for Black Voice News.

Key skills/qualities: Justin has his BS in Business Administration from UCR. He is Computer proficient in Microsoft products. Others who have worked with Justin find him to be a genuinely nice person, who is sincere and helpful.

Justin reports he never would've imagined working in parks & recreations, but then an opportunity to work an internship here came along. He enjoys working at the Park District and is fascinated by the nature centers.

Something you may not know is that he enjoys reading. As a child he was placed into a special program to learn how to read. It was something he got teased about, and he didn't feel smart. In the years to follow, he won various book and reading competitions, and remained in the top of his class through high school graduation. So reading is still special to him. Inspiring, don't you think?

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