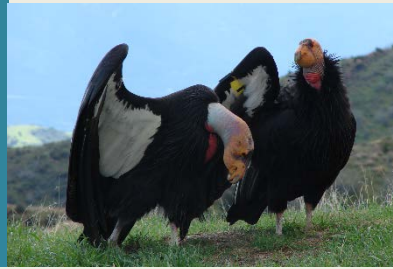


VOLUNTEER FOR THE CALIFORNIA CONDOR



GENERAL INFORMATION

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Santa Barbara Zoo invite you to join our efforts to save the California condor! Together, our team leads a condor nest guarding program that monitors nest activity and chick development – and we are looking for volunteers to help out!

The California condor has made a remarkable comeback since the 1980s when the population faced an all time low of 22 individuals. Today, there are over 400 birds with over half of them flying free in the wild in various populations including California, Arizona, and Baja Mexico.

Our nest guarding program combines intensive nest monitoring with strategic interventions to address the specific needs of the Southern California condor population. We are looking for volunteers to help watch nests throughout the season to monitor parental care, egg and chick development, and if you're lucky – the first flight of this year's newest members of the flock!

HELP SAVE AN
ENDANGERED SPECIES!!

The California condor nest guarding program has monitored the successful fledging of twenty-seven wild condor chicks since 2007, and witnessed nesting success grow from approximately 6% to over 60%!

WHAT YOU'LL DO

Training includes class and field sessions to properly record condor data and safely navigate the wildlife refuges near Fillmore and Maricopa.

Once trained, you will be expected to work independently. During a shift, individuals are expected to drive out to the appropriate location, hike out to a pre-determined observation point, watch condor nests from a distance, and record their observations using an official datasheet. Observation periods last a minimum of 2 hours.

Observation points vary depending on the location of the nest. In the past, few have been accessible by car, many require a strenuous hike, and some sites are best observed by camping overnight. Volunteers are encouraged to select nests that best suit their ability.

TIME COMMITMENT

Volunteers are expected to attend both mandatory trainings and observe nests once or twice a month. This year's season is expected to last from February to November.

While observation shifts last for two hours travel time to and from the site can vary greatly. Expect a shift to take a minimum of 6 hours to account for driving, hiking, and your observation.

For more information please visit 'Condor Cave'
<https://www.facebook.com/TheCondorCave>

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Santa Barbara Zoo will provide all necessary materials required to observe the nest or camp overnight.

Volunteers should have their own hiking equipment, high clearance vehicle capable of driving on dirt roads, a good sense of adventure, and a strong desire to assist in the recovery of the California condor!

2017 MANDATORY TRAINING DATES

All volunteers must register for both Egg Stage and Chick Stage training sessions. RSVPs to nseal@sbzoo.org are mandatory to attend. If there is a conflict with these dates and you are still interested please contact us for the possibility of scheduling an alternate date.

Egg Stage Training Date:

February 23rd & February 28th at 6:00pm

Chick Stage Training Date:

To be announced (Early May)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Office
2493-B Portola Road
Ventura, CA 93003

To register, email:
nseal@sbzoo.org

