What can the Volunteer Program do for ME?

It really is okay to ask, “What’s in it for me?” In fact, volunteering can be a great way to develop skills, learn more about career options, make friends, garner new professional contacts, develop your professional network, get exercise, spend time outdoors with animals, with kids, or even just shake up your routine.

Yet volunteers rarely speak of the benefits of volunteering to themselves - maybe it feels a bit too self-centered, or too far from the altruistic vision of the “selfless” volunteer. But who says that doing good and enjoying yourself while meeting your own personal and professional goals cannot happen at the same time? Part of finding the right volunteer opportunity is being honest about what you hope to learn and accomplish.

If in the process of meeting your personal and professional goals, you are also serving as an effective volunteer, helping to meet the goals of your particular volunteer project or role, and/or helping to move an organization’s mission forward; it is a win-win situation.

Are you active duty, reserve, or National Guard? The Volunteer Program will assist you in working toward obtaining your Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, which recognizes those members of the military who perform substantial volunteer service to the local community above and beyond the duties required as a member of the United States Armed Forces.

Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at candi.heinberger@usmc.mil or 760-725-3856 to get more information or to receive the link to register with our volunteer database, and find your win-win volunteer opportunity today!
WHERE CAN I GET INVOLVED? The Camp Pendleton Volunteer Program partners with organizations both on and off Base to provide volunteer opportunities for everyone and every schedule!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

On Base:
• Animal Shelter
• Base Community Centers
• Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society
• ASYMCA
• L.I.N.K.S.
• Youth Sports
• Operation Bigs
• American Red Cross
• Leadership Education Seminar (LES)

Off Base:
• Habitat for Humanity
• Meals on Wheels
• Boy/Girl Scouts
• Operation Homefront
• Special Olympics
• National Military Family Association
• Church/Religious Activities
• Brother Benno’s

Special Events:
• Base Community Days
• Toys for Tots
• Disaster Recovery Projects
• Ironman California 70.3
• Local Community Events
• Beach Clean-ups
• Special School Events: Read-a-Thons, Jog-a-Thons
• Homecomings

For more details on these and many other volunteer opportunities, please contact the Camp Pendleton Volunteer Office:

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