



**IN PARKS PROGRAM  
SAN LUIS OBISPO COAST DISTRICT**

**Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument  
(Hearst Castle®)  
Evening Tour Program  
Living History**

**Duty Statement**

- Title:** Living History Volunteer - Evening Tour Program
- Purpose:** Volunteers are an important and integral part of the interpretation of Hearst Castle and the life and times of William Randolph Hearst during the Evening Tours. By portraying the social history of the period and bring the past alive, they provide a human visual element to the tours by wearing period dress, depicting activities and mannerisms of the interpretive era.
- Duties:** Volunteers dress in accurate vintage or reproduction clothing that would have been appropriate as evening wear by guests or household staff of William Randolph Hearst in 1930 - 1935. A clothing bank is available. Volunteers are scheduled in teams to various assigned stations along the tour route. Volunteers are expected to arrive with sufficient time to be fully outfitted in period attire and ready to attend a briefing prior to the first bus arrival. Volunteers are responsible for calling the Living History office if they cannot make their scheduled shift as soon as possible.
- Skills/**
- Qualifications:** Must be at least 18 years of age and possess the ability to take instruction and follow directions from Hearst Castle staff. Volunteers must have the desire to dress in vintage clothing or reproduction attire appropriate for the Castle during the 1930 - 1935 era, and exhibit behavior appropriate to guests or staff of that period. Volunteers must feel at ease in front of large groups and be willing to be filmed or photographed by visitors or the media and exhibit responsible behavior around the collection, following all rules and regulations of the Monument. Volunteers must possess adequate physical health to perform the job duties and have the ability to climb stairs.
- Reports to:** Supervisor/Living History (Evening Tour) Program
- Training:** Volunteers must successfully complete the 16 hour Living History Volunteer (Evening Tour Program) Orientation and Training given on a consecutive Saturday (daytime) and Sunday (evening.) Volunteers are expected to read and be familiar with the Hearst Castle Living History Volunteer (Evening Tour) Program manual on their own time. Additionally, Volunteers may be required to do research to prepare appropriate attire

or mannerisms. Volunteers may be asked to participate in future orientation and training classes as well.

**Commitment:** In addition to completing the training program, Volunteers must attend the briefing preceding each assigned Evening Tour. Volunteers work a minimum of two evenings a month during the fall and spring and work a minimum of three nights during the spring break month (March or April) and again in December. These shifts will predominantly be Friday or Saturday evenings. Assignments will be based on operational needs. Volunteers may choose to make themselves available to participate in Hearst Castle special events and for off-site community interpretive programs as well.

**Benefits:** The opportunity to wear clothes from the glamorous 1930s and sit in the fabulous rooms where William Randolph Hearst, Marion Davies, Clark Gable, Alice Marble, Cary Grant and Jean Harlow once stayed; to experience the magic of the Castle illuminated at night; to become part of the interpretive experience at Hearst Castle; serving the community and the California State Parks through the Volunteer in Parks Program; to enjoy camaraderie and make new friends; and the personal satisfaction of bring the past to life for the visitors. Volunteers receive complimentary tours at Hearst Castle and other fringe benefits while actively participating in the Volunteer Program.

For more

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