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Frequently Asked Questions From New SVC Docents

- Q: Can business card files be sent to a docent to use/print from home?
A: Avery 8471 Matte White Business Cards and pdf file can be forwarded.
- Q: Is market value used when SVC purchases property?
A: All SVC land purchases are based on fair market value appraised values due to us being a tax deductible, community benefit nonprofit and we cannot pay more than fair market value since that would be a private gift of community benefit, nonprofit funds.
- Q: Is there a tab or a sign-in for "docents only" on our website to notify SVC prior to visiting the property and for reporting what was seen?
A: Contact to SVC must be made by email/telephone prior to visiting the property. Notification of a visit and reporting on a visit must be done via the SVC email or telephone at: info@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org or phone 916-731-8798.
- Q: Can a docent be sued individually by a guest on a public outing?
A: Anyone in California can be sued by anyone at anytime for anything.
- Q: What insurance does the SVC carry to prevent an individual being sued?
A: Docents are covered under SVC's liability insurance when on the property and acting in their SVC volunteer capacity, and we also have limited volunteer accident coverage in case a docent gets hurt. This is why it's CRITICAL to follow the rules and be safe and appropriate at all times.
- Q: Can we offer "Self lead Equestrian" tours for free as we do for hikers? Why hikers and biker and not horses?
A: Due to a higher risk of horseback riding, the guest's ability with horses is not practicable to have self-lead equestrian outings.
- Q: Why don't we charge for self lead hikes? Is this a "hardship" situation?
A: We do not charge for self-led hikes because we are not providing a docent and are not incurring training costs or staff time. Plus, our funding from the County for the purchase came from state parks bonds that require public access, and we think there should be some cost-free way to access the property.
- Q: Is a *laundry list* of work projects kept for Deer Creek Hills and how can I become involved?
A: The SVC now schedules 2 Service Days (spring and fall) on the event calendar. Please share your work project ideas with Lucie Adams, Land Stewardship Director at ladams@sacramentovalleyconservancy.org or telephone at 916-731-8798.
- Q: Can a think tank be arranged with the different groups using Deer Creek Hills?
A: Communication is developed between the Lead Docents of each group (Hiker, Equestrians, Mt Bikers) Youth Educators, Business Partners and Rancher, creating the Deer Creek Hills User Group. User Group meetings are held annually to meet and discuss their involvement as user groups and leases (cattle rancher) at DCH. It is important that staff and the docents fully understand the Management Plan, neighbor relations, opposition/feedback from or against certain user groups and our adaptive management policies.