



Sacramento Valley Conservancy Protocol

SVC staff person brings

- SVC paperwork, liability release forms
- Newsletters/season calendar/donation jar
- Cash box/roster of registered guests

Lead Docents and docents should arrive early enough (30 minutes early is suggested) prior to guests arriving

- Lead docent to assign other docents tasks such as to be hiking middle and hiking sweep docents (min 3 docents per outing)
- Lead docent consider assigning fellow docents to cover the following when framing out the day:
 - INTRODUCTION DOCENT
 - MISSION DOCENT
 - RULES DOCENT
 - SAFETY DOCENT

Docents to gather guests and *frame out the day*:

- LEAD DOCENT to give general welcome to guests, confirming outing they're attending, route being covered (distance, terrain, water crossing...)
- INTRODUCTION DOCENT to conduct introductions of self, docents and staff in attendance
- MISSION DOCENT to speak of SVC as an organization: *Mission: Purchase land from willing sellers to manage for recreation, agriculture, wildlife habitat and scenic qualities, as well as flood control and water quality. First land trust in Sacramento Region, since 1990, accredited by Land Trust Alliance—depend on local, individual donations to operate.*
 - Deer Creek Hills has grown to 4600+ acres, moving northward (13 miles) creating an open space corridor connecting to the American River Parkway
 - SVC now manages site with help of YOU, DOCENTS and RANCHER
 - Why cattle are here – preserving ranching and agricultural heritage; controls exotic weeds/grasses & supports native grasses and provides SVC with grazing fees
 - PLEASE HELP US WITH ANY DONATION AMOUNT TO FUND THE MANAGEMENT OF AND ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY
 - Promote other Docent-led outings and self-guided interpretive trail
 - Welcome guests/invite to return for other outings. Benefits of purchasing a season pass
- RULES DOCENT to cover rules (see SVC General rules)
- SAFETY DOCENT to confirm all guest signed a release of liability. If medical issues exist with guest, have guest approach docent to share medical issue privately. Docent to share medical issue with fellow docents. Inquire if any medical professionals are present on outing. Conduct head count and compare numbers with a fellow docents count. Share number with all docents.

End of Day:

- Make sure all participants have returned
- De-brief with SVC Staff on-site; what didn't work, potential problems/issues