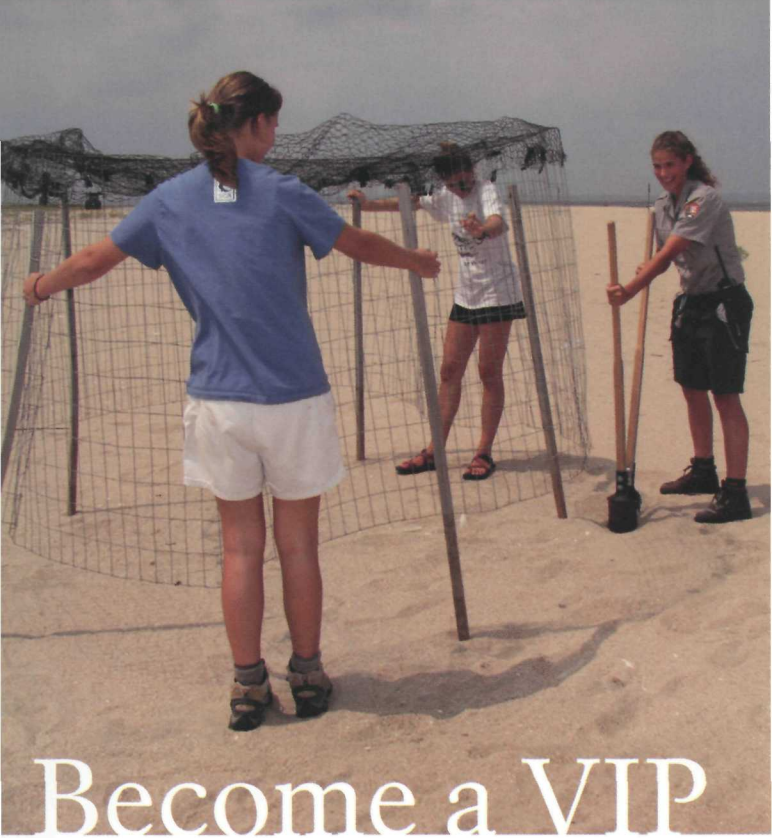


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# Become a VIP

## Volunteers-In-Park Sandy Hook





Sandy Hook has miles of ocean beaches, important natural habitats and more than 200 historic buildings including the nations oldest lighthouse. Each year individuals and groups volunteer tens of thousands of hours to help protect and interpret Sandy Hook's resources to the public.

Sandy Hook volunteers contribute in all sorts of areas:

- Assisting visitors and telling the story of Sandy Hook at historic Fort Hancock, the Sandy Hook Lighthouse, and on nature and history tours.
- Conservation of our Natural Resources by joining in ocean and bayside beach cleanups, dune grass planting and protecting habitats of nesting shore birds.
- Preserving Historic Resources through painting and carpentry projects, and landscape and vegetation control work around historic buildings.
- The park also sponsors Eagle Scout projects and works with church, civic or school groups to identify day long or long term conservation projects.

## The Mission of the Volunteer Program

The mission of the Gateway National Recreation Area VIP Program is to link individuals, groups, and the park in the preservation and advancement of the park's resources, while fostering an environment of collaboration and mutual understanding.

Volunteers will be trained to serve effectively and to support the primary goals and objectives of the park to improve resources, provide for safe and enjoyable visits, and to enhance park programs.



**To volunteer contact the Sandy Hook  
Volunteer Coordinator at 732-872-5959**

For general questions call the Gateway Park  
Volunteer Resource Coordinator at 718-354-4564.

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