



# OHV Ambassador Program

## Imperial Sand Dunes

### Position Description/Application

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The off-highway vehicle (OHV) Ambassador Program is a volunteer opportunity that provides a way for private citizens to work with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the El Centro Field Office to promote responsible off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation on public lands. These volunteers contribute their time, experience, and local knowledge of OHV areas in the El Centro Resource Area in groups of two or more on motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility vehicles (UTVs); or 4x4 vehicles; conducting special projects (e.g., outreach events, clean-ups, kiosk maintenance or installation), and distributing informational material at high visitation OHV sites. Through these efforts, volunteers provide a positive image of their recreation activity, and identify resource issues to enhance OHV recreation on public land. OHV Ambassadors receive training and serve as a point of contact for other OHV visitors to obtain helpful information about the areas they ride.

#### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

OHV Ambassadors are scheduled volunteers willing to donate their time on approximately half of all weekends during the duning season (Oct. – Apr.). This significant commitment of 8 hours per weekend, for at least 11 weekends of the season, indicates a dedication to program objectives. A season permit will be issued to Ambassadors as long as they fulfill their volunteer obligations. This permit will be revoked for lapses in/or termination of services.

#### AMBASSADOR QUALIFICATIONS

##### *OHV Ambassadors Must:*

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Possess a valid driver's license.
- Be able to operate an OHV responsibly and safely.
- Be able to volunteer at least 100 hours seasonally (October – April).
- Be an experienced rider who is able to navigate terrain of varying difficulty level and length.
- Be able to obtain and keep current ASI ATV Safety Certification and/or MSF Dirt Bike Certification, as applicable. This training will be provided.
- Be able to obtain and keep current First Aid/CPR Certificate. This training will be provided.
- Own a safe and properly maintained, registered (license plate or OHV sticker) vehicle suitable for OHV use.
- Complete and keep current all required Ambassador training. This includes (but is not limited to) computer-based training taken from home.
- Be able to walk over uneven terrain.
- Be able to lift at least 30 pounds.
- Wear personal protective equipment as required by the BLM, including **full-face helmets** on all ATVs, motorcycles and UTV's.
- No criminal (misdemeanor or felony) convictions.

#### BASIC OHV AMBASSADOR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Distribute and communicate information about responsible OHV recreation and agency policies to casual OHV visitors at high-profile public outreach events, OHV staging areas, etc.
- Promote responsible recreation use by modeling appropriate OHV safety and behavior.
- Assist the BLM by observing OHV activity while riding. Ambassadors' alert BLM staff of unsafe or unlawful activities observed, but takes no further action.
- Provide a recognizable presence in open areas and at OHV facilities used by the public.
- Promote land stewardship by participating in site improvements and small projects. Projects may include installing or maintaining kiosks, trash clean ups, and more.





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#### TRAINING

**Please check the appropriate boxes below, indicating what current training you have.**

First Aid Certification:  Y  N    CPR:  Y  N

ASI ATV Certification:  Y  N    (ATV Volunteers Only)

MSF Dirt Bike Certification:  Y  N    (Motorcycle Volunteers Only)

#### EXPERIENCE

**Please answer the following questions. Attach additional pages if necessary.**

1. Reason(s) for interest in the OHV Ambassador Program:

2. Describe your OHV experience and any other skills that may be applicable to this position (e.g., OHV skill level, mechanic, carpentry, welding, public contacts, etc).

3. Explain why you feel it is necessary to inform and educate OHV enthusiasts.

4. Describe your experience in working with the public and/or making public contacts (can be from non-OHV experiences such as work or school).

5. Can you perform the basic OHV Ambassador functions as listed in the position description?

Y  N (please describe any limitations below).

**AVAILABILITY**

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1. What days of the weekend are you available?  
 Friday    Saturday    Sunday    Monday

2. Which is your preferred area(s)? (check all that apply).  
 North Dunes: Glamis  
 North Dunes: Gecko Road  
 South Dunes: Buttercup  
 South Dunes: Dune Buggy Flats

**CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

- I certify that all statements contained herein are true and complete whether made by me or by others at my request.
- I authorize the BLM El Centro Field Office to verify education and training information provided on this application.
- I authorize the BLM El Centro Field Office to check my driving record and proof of insurance.
- I understand that this application is subject to a criminal violation and record check.
- I release the BLM El Centro Field Office from any liability as a result of furnishing and receiving any information related to the OHV Ambassador Program selection process.
- I understand that as a BLM Ambassador I will NOT carry a FIREARM at any OHV Ambassador events.
- I will wear appropriate safety gear as required by the BLM.

I understand that any verbal or written statement that is false, fraudulent or misleading that is contained in this application, attached materials, or made in the course of any related process, can result in rejection of my application, denial of volunteer service, or dismissal from volunteer service if discovered after volunteer service begins.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN TO BLM:**  
El Centro Field Office  
Attn: OHV Ambassador Coordinator  
1661 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
El Centro, CA 92243  
Fax 760-337-4490  
Phone: 760-337-4430  
[www.blm.gov/ca/isdra.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/isdra.html)

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