



Friends of Bidwell Park 2010–2011 Internship Opportunities

Public Relations

1. Develop a public relations campaign for Friends of Bidwell Park (FOBP)
2. Help organize the Bidwell Park Summit. This one or two day summit will provide up-to-date information to community members and decision makers, focusing on the current state of Bidwell Park and the opportunities and challenges regarding recreation, park management and natural and cultural resource conservation
3. Set up FOBP Facebook page and maintain it for a semester
4. Create a FOBP brochure and other materials for environmental fairs & other events
5. Help develop and implement fundraising activities
6. Help design, select photographs and obtain printing information for a 2012 Bidwell Park calendar

Research and Public Education Projects

7. Create a weed-awareness poster for park staff and a clip-on weed id visor for their work trucks
8. Research & create web pages for areas of Bidwell Park (e.g. Annie's Glen, Deer Pen, Lost Park, Horseshoe Lake). Page could contain historical information, maps, photos, plant lists, volunteer projects, etc.
9. Create park wildlife checklists for web site
10. Assist with the plant inventory project: learn to collect and process herbarium specimens, help photograph specimens, develop format for book & web pages, etc.
11. Develop a "Don't Miss This" section for web site, focusing on park locations and events that a casual park visitor might not know about otherwise (e.g. Polar Bear swim, Mozart Mile, poem rock, Maidu grinding holes, cork oak forest)
12. Help develop docent-led and self-guided tours of park
13. Help develop responsible trail use pamphlet and soil erosion educational materials for mountain bikers, hikers and equestrians
14. Develop a city-wide puncturevine awareness and eradication campaign
15. Search for historical Bidwell Park photographs and research copyright laws

16. Record historical interviews with old timers and/or search for historical Bidwell Park documents
17. Obtain pesticide usage information for Bidwell Park Golf Course and CARD facilities
18. Research pesticides used, comparing to active ingredients that golf course is required to test for and post info on web site. Also, update Sycamore Pool water testing data on web site
19. Evaluate use of aerial photos for future long-term monitoring

Global Positioning System (GPS) Mapping Projects

20. Map seasonal drainages in Upper Park to help determine their impact on park trails
21. Research and map north Lost Park boundary
22. Map specific invasive and special-status plant species
23. Map locations of overstory plant communities
24. Map old abandoned barbed wire fences in Upper Park for future removal
25. Inventory seasonal rock dam locations in Big Chico Creek (summer project)
26. Map bootleg trails and soil erosion "hotspots"
27. Help create web-based geo-tagged photo web site

Planning and Management Projects

28. Develop plans for eradicating specific invasive plant species (consider biology of plant, timing of eradication, logistics, cost, create budget, etc.)
29. Develop plans for conservation of special-status species or historical resources
30. Investigate possible impacts from rock dam formations (i.e. bank erosion)
31. Plan and participate in invasive species removal efforts
32. Plan and participate in site restoration projects
33. Research and help write grant applications
34. Coordinate and supervise field crews for various field projects
35. Develop plan to remove abandoned barbed wire fences in Upper Park and present plan to Park Commission and park staff

If you are interested in learning more about any of these projects or have ideas for other projects, please email info@friendsofbidwellpark.org.