



# State Park Volunteer Program

## Volunteer with Us



# Information

- 443 total
  - 234 commuters
  - 118 new
  - 325 returning
- The average stay is from May to September.
- On-site volunteers are provided with a campsite during their service in exchange for 24 hours of service per person per week.
- Volunteer campsites: Full hook-up; electricity, water and sewer.







# Positions

- Campground Host – 80 positions (roughly)
- Campground Attendant
- General Volunteer
- Maintenance
- Programs/Events
- Visitor Center





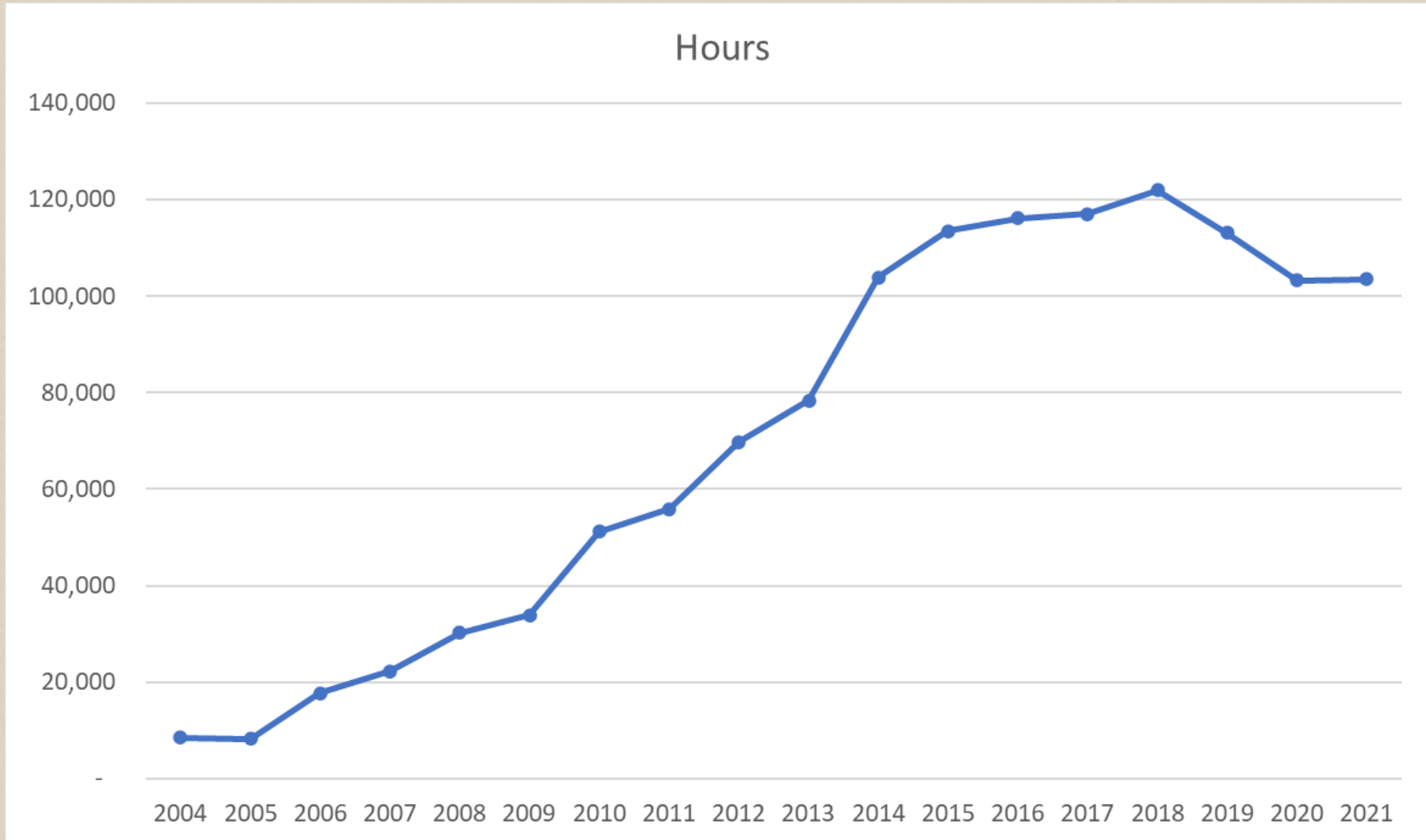
# Park Specific

- Good Earth State Park
  - Only have commuter volunteers
  - 66 total
- Custer State Park
  - 116 total
- 8 group volunteers
  - Boy Scouts of America
  - Girl Scouts of America
  - 4-H Shooting Sports
  - A Year to Volunteer



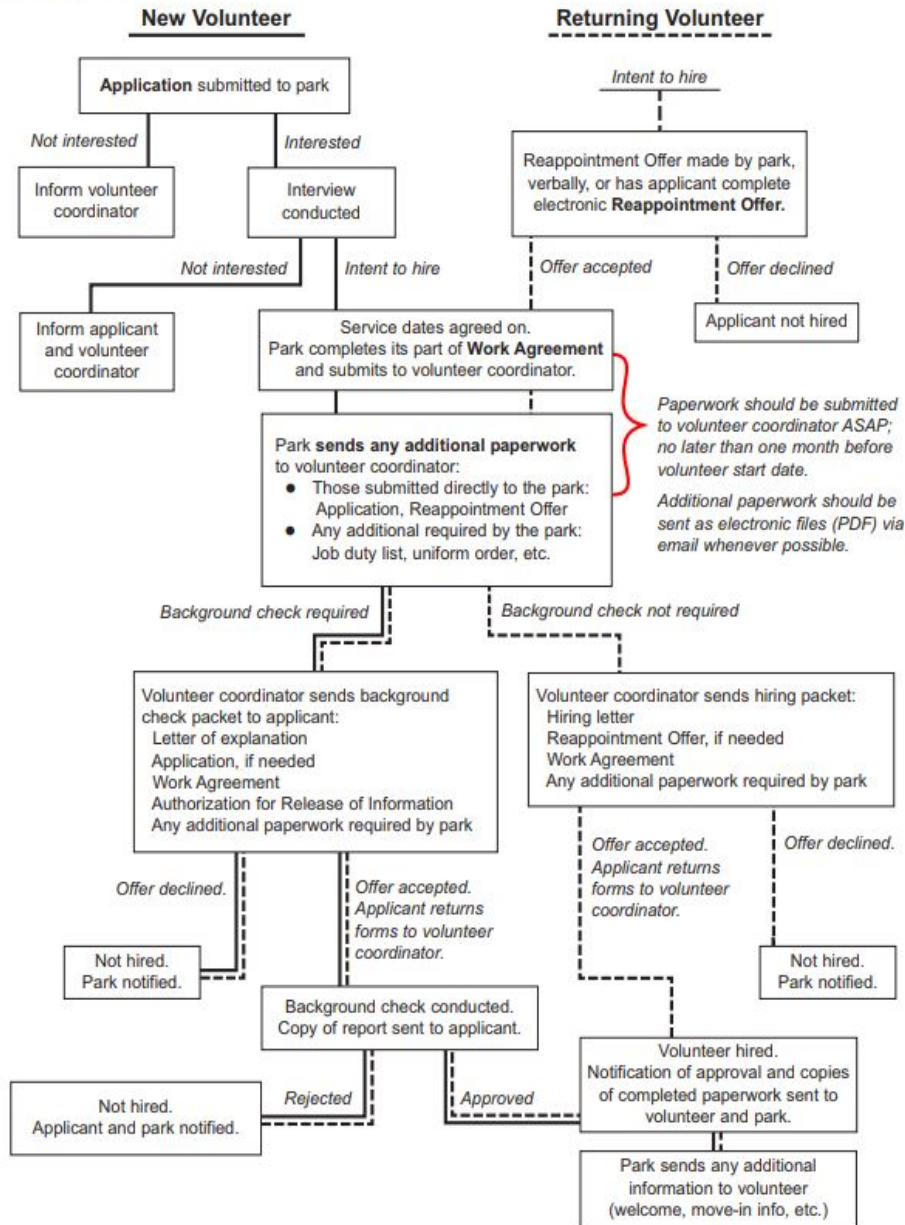


# Hours Contributed



# Volunteer application and hiring process for individual volunteers

effective Jan. 1, 2012  
?: Contact volunteer coordinator



# How it works



• <https://gfp.sd.gov/volunteer/>





# Recognition Items

- 24 hours - the current years Park Entrance License
- 100 hours – SD Quarter/Stamp Prairie set
- Starting at 200+ hours they receive 2 Free Camping Certificates along with a recognition item
- 500 hours – Travel Mug
- 1,000 hours – Power Bank
- 3,000 and over – we have choice items for the volunteer to pick from.
  - Sweatshirt (2 types)
  - Fishing shirt
  - Towel Set (2 bath and 2 hand)
  - Picnic/Stadium Blanket





# Outstanding Volunteers

- Lake Vermillion Host – Georgia Pusch
  - Years of Service – 10
  - Hours of Service – 12,332
  - 2018 Volunteer of the Year
- Cow Creek Host – Vern Shields
  - Years of Service – 14
  - Hours of Service – 14,628
- Rocky Point Hosts – Tom and Twila Johnson
  - Years of Service – 6
  - Hours of Service (combined) – 15,293
- Custer State Park –
  - Oliver Tollefson
  - The Collin's







# Outstanding Volunteers

- West Bend - Remmers
  - Joined us in 2009
  - Combined service of over 12,000 hours!
- West Bend – Joy’s
  - Joined us in 2010
  - Combined service of over 11,000 hours!
- Both couples received the Volunteer of the Year award in 2019.







# Outstanding Volunteer

- Good Earth - Priscilla Jorve
  - Joined us in 2017
  - 1,500 hours of service!
  - Duties include welcoming visitors at the visitor center, light cleaning and being an ambassador of the park. Priscilla has worked hard to learn the history, wildlife, trails and flowers so that she can better serve our guests
  - Priscilla says Good Earth gives her purpose and loves this amazing park
  - Fun Fact: age...90!





