



# MAKING CALIFORNIA PARKS MORE **WELCOMING,** **ACCESSIBLE,** AND **RELEVANT** TO ALL VISITORS.

## Junior Lifeguards

Home to the largest and most diverse state park system in the country, California's parks include over 340 miles of coastline and 970 miles of lake and river frontage. At Parks California, we believe that everyone should safely explore and enjoy the natural treasures our state has to offer. The California State Parks' Junior Lifeguards program provides vital water safety education at our magnificent beaches and waterways while teaching preservation of near-shore environments and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation for youth.

The Junior Lifeguards program emphasizes teamwork, leadership, and safety while introducing youth to marine and aquatic recreation opportunities. The program is designed to improve their physical conditioning, their understanding and respect for the environment, and their respect for themselves, their parents, and their peers.

### Your donation will support:

- Open water safety instruction and recognition
- Scholarships for youth living in traditionally marginalized communities
- Transportation costs for youth to coasts and waterways
- Uniforms, gear, and safety equipment

**The Junior Lifeguards mission** embraces opportunities for community involvement and partnerships with classrooms and community youth programs to introduce diverse communities to the wonders of marine and aquatic environments. Your support increases access and relevance for all youth.

Parks California is based on a new model for public, private and nonprofit partnership.  
Together, we ensure protected lands remain resilient while meeting the evolving needs of all people.  
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