



San Jose *Parks* Foundation

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What we do:

San Jose Parks Foundation is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting San Jose's parks and trails and the programs within them through organizing residents, securing private donations, and recruiting volunteers.



Marijane Hamann Park – National Night Out



Almaden Winery Park Gardening Volunteers

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San Jose Parks & Trails

A Partial inventory:

2,884 Acres of Parkland

80,000 square feet of skate park

200+ Neighborhood Parks

200+ Playgrounds

100 Volleyball & Basketball Courts

94 Sports Fields

80 Tennis Courts

55 Community Centers

54+ Miles of Trail

50+ Horseshoe Pits

30+ Exercise Courts

9 Regional Parks

9 Swimming Pools

6 Dog Parks

1 BMX Park



Bramhall Park Playground – Willow Glen



Almaden Lake Park



Lake Cunningham Regional Skate Park



Plaza de Cesar Chavez Fountain

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San Jose Parks Foundation Key Program Areas:

Neighborhood Empowerment

San Jose Parks Foundation works directly with neighborhood associations and community groups to address issues related to parks and trails from the basics of maintenance and security to planting, building improvements and innovative programming.

Fundraising Portal

Corporations and foundations are reluctant and sometimes prohibited from giving to government or to small community groups. San Jose Parks Foundation can apply for and receive funding that otherwise might be lost – and direct that funding to the appropriate program.



Junior Games 2012

KIDS@PLAY

Many of the city's kids programs that once were free now charge or have been cut altogether. San Jose Parks Foundation raises funds from individuals and corporations to keep these programs affordable and to make certain that the young people most in need will have access to healthy activities.

Volunteers

San Jose Parks Foundation supports the city's Parks and Trails Volunteer Program, helping to recruit, train, equip and manage volunteers through Adopt-A-Park, Adopt-A-Trail, Corporate and Group Volunteer Days or Special Projects and the Dog Waste Bag Network.



Volunteers Clearing the Guadalupe Trail

Advocacy

It is very important that the community be informed and organized around issues related to their parks and trails. It is also vital to our parks and trails that the community have a strong voice in these matters. San Jose Parks Foundation educates the community and organizes it for effective long-term stewardship of our parks system.

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How Do Parks Benefit Us?

Physical Health

Individually – Exercise, Sports, Nature
As a Community – Gathering Places

Mental Health

Serenity - Quite space for walks and hikes
Access to Nature

Environment

Cleaning Our Air
Keep out temperatures cooler
Watershed System

Education

Learn about nature
Learn about the environment
Learn about history & community



Veggielution @ Emma Prusch Farm Park



Chinese Cultural Gardens @ Overfelt Gardens Park

How Can You Help Our Parks?

Enjoy Them Often

Explore Your Parks with Friends and Family
Go to different parks for different experiences

Help Keep Parks & Trails Clean and Safe

Clean up after yourself, don't litter
Volunteer to clean up a park or trail

Volunteer to Help A Park

As a class, as a family, or by yourself
Grow some plants, do a project
Adopt-A-Park or Adopt-A-Trail program

Volunteer Contacts:

ParkVolunteer@sanjoseca.gov
Volunteer@sanjoseparks.org

Donate Money

Annually, monthly, quarterly or one-time
General support or specific program(s)



Chalk Art Festival @ Backesto Park

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