

Canyon Watch Program

Thank you for your interest in SDOF and Disney's 'Give a Day, Get a Day' program! To make a difference AND spend a day in the 'Magic Kingdom', all you need to do is monitor one of San Diego's canyons, submit a 'Field Report' and email us a photo of your smiling face in front of the final manhole from that canyon's guide. *

If you'd like a member of your group to attend an orientation (highly recommended) where you'll learn all the ins and outs of sewer system monitoring, please check out our online [Calendar of Events](#) for our 2010 group hikes and RSVP to volunteer@sdoceans.org. They're a great introduction to the program as well as to other volunteers!

Note: One hike for every 1-2 people is required to be eligible for this promotion (group hike/orientation not included). Example: A group of 5 or 6 can hike together, but must choose either 3 different canyons, or 3 different days to monitor the same canyon. All hikes (apart from orientations) are done independently and on YOUR schedule. When scheduling a volunteer date with Disney, please enter the day you will complete your last hike.

Below is all the information you need to know to get involved with our Canyon Watch Program. Please take a look and let us know if you have ANY questions. Thanks and we look forward to working with you soon!

Prevent pollution at its source! Sewer lines in San Diego's urban canyons can leak, overflow and eventually contaminate our oceans and bays. Unfortunately, due to a significant lack of funding, the City can't afford to send staff members out to monitor these canyons on a regular basis. Canyon Watch volunteers take on this role by hiking our various canyons. 'Canyon Watchers' use guides to look for sewage spills and inspect manholes, clean our canyons by picking up trash along the way and provide crucial feedback through an online report form that helps the city locate potential problems.

Doing your part and volunteering for this program is easy and fits in your schedule!

What to do...

- 1) Fill out the SDOF [Volunteer Application](#) (one per adult) so we can get all of your contact information and learn a little more about you.
- 2) Complete, sign and return a [Pollution Prevention Volunteer Waiver](#) for every member in your group BEFORE going on a hike. These can be submitted at group hikes/orientations, dropped off at our office or mailed to the address below (originals required). [Click here](#) for directions.

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- 3) Pick one of [San Diego's local canyons](#) that you'd like to monitor. Download, print and read the guide for that canyon and hike at your convenience (no need to coordinate with SDOF staff).
- 4) When hiking a canyon, please check each manhole and take [Monitoring Notes](#) on anything that seems to be in need of attention. **Note:** We encourage volunteers to take a trash bag with them to pick up debris along the way (leaving the canyon a little nicer than they found it). This helps prevent harmful trash from making its way to the ocean and those who live in it. ALSO, take a picture of your group at the last manhole at EACH canyon hike and email to volunteer@sdoceans.org as proof for Disney that you attended.
- 5) Report any active spills or leaks IMMEDIATELY and DIRECTLY to the City's Sewer Emergency Hotline at (619) 515-3525.
- 6) Submit an online "[Field Report](#)" with notes about your hike. Please fill out a report EVERY TIME (even if everything looks okay) as this is the only way we are able to track volunteer participation. It is also important in developing a timeline, in case of a spill.

Note: SDOF reads EVERY report submitted and works closely with the Metropolitan Wastewater Department in San Diego to make repairs and prevent sewage spills BEFORE they happen, protecting delicate ecosystems from harmful contamination.

Thank you for helping us in our mission to stop the spread of pollution and conserve our natural resources!

* Submitting a photo via email (volunteer@sdoceans.org) gives the San Diego Oceans Foundation the right to use your image in promotional materials (including, but not limited to, website postings, brochures and flyers).