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CITY SEEKS PARK WATCH VOLUNTEERS

The City of Chico is offering training for anyone interested in becoming a Park Watch volunteer. Volunteers walk, bicycle or ride horses in Bidwell Park, acting as eyes and ears for the Park Rangers and providing valuable information to all park visitors.

The training will consist of a Thursday evening session from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on March 18, 2010, in Conference Room No. 1 of the City Council Chamber, 421 Main Street. An outdoor training session will be held Saturday, March 20, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the One Mile Recreation Area.

A two-hour walk-along with a trained Park Watch member will be scheduled following completion of the two mandatory classes. Interested volunteers must attend both sessions to participate in the program.

Volunteers will become versed on the rules and regulations, become familiar with the various park locations, as well as learn interesting facts concerning Bidwell Park. While on patrol, volunteers will interact with park users, answer questions and provide directions.

Volunteers will also be able to alert Park Rangers to potential problems in the park.

All volunteers must be at least 18 years old and must RSVP prior to attending training as class size is limited. Volunteers are required to be able to volunteer at least four hours per month and must pass a criminal background check which includes being fingerprinted.

For more information about the program, or to RSVP, interested individuals are asked to contact the Park Office at 965 Fir Street, or to telephone the Park Office at 530-896-7800.

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