



TOWN OF GILBERT – PARK AMBASSADOR

The Park Ambassador program is an all-volunteer program that gives the public an opportunity to promote community stewardship and bridge the communication between the community and our Department. The Park Ambassador program sends a message that the community cares about its parks.

Through weekly visits to the park, Ambassadors document maintenance needs, report acts of vandalism, interact with park users, promote park safety and encourage an overall positive use of public space. The Ambassador position is a minimum one-year commitment and requires volunteers to attend an Ambassador Orientation prior to participation in the program.

Objectives for the Park Ambassador program are to bridge the line of communication between the community and Gilbert Parks and Recreation Department; assist Gilbert Parks and Recreation with the general maintenance and upkeep of parks through close observation which will enhance safety for park visitors while, at the same time, provide a presence to deter crime and vandalism; encourage the community to take a proactive approach in maintaining the integrity and intended use of parks and riparian space.

We are currently accepting applications for Park Ambassadors at the Riparian Preserve.

Qualifications:

- **Minimum age of 18 years old**
- **Must pass a background check**
- **Must commit to at least 1 year as an ambassador**
- **Observant, enjoys positive interaction with the public, ability to learn park rules and Gilbert Code pertaining to parks.**
- **Complete a training period shadowing Parks Rangers and Naturalist**

Once trained, volunteers are expected to:

- visit park at least once per week to assess the overall condition
- report unusual or suspicious activity taking place in the park
- complete one-page Observation Report on park condition and park activity each visit and submit it to the program coordinator or Naturalist
- utilize the Town's 311 app to report issues

Gilbert Parks and Recreation staff will:

- orient individuals and/or groups to the Park Ambassador program
- keep Ambassadors informed of park projects or activities taking place in adopted park
- provide maintenance tools and arrange for the use of maintenance equipment
- recognize Ambassadors on Web page and provide Ambassador names to Gilbert Police Department and Park Rangers