CHIP-IN

Unites and supports all people interested in improving Visalia's neighborhoods, parks, open spaces and trails.

Volunteers Include:

- Individuals
- Senior Clubs
- Service Clubs
- Youth Groups
- Schools
- Church Groups
- Businesses
- Hiking and Biking Enthusiasts

Participate by:

- Removing litter
- Planting and establishing trees
- Planting shrubs & flowers
- Painting arbors, tables, benches, bbq's, etc.
- Spreading chips or trimming trees
- Financially sponsoring maintenance equipment

We're asking you to chip-in by investing your time and talents in your parks and your community. You can improve parks, green spaces, trails, promote a healthy environment, and protect neighborhood buildings while helping to build a stronger community.

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You Can Make A Difference…

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The Visalia Parks and Recreation Department is making every effort to keep our City a beautiful and outstanding place to live, work, and raise a family. To achieve these goals, we are asking the people in our community to step in and volunteer their time, energy, and talents.

Your presence in our program enhances (not replaces) the services provided to the citizens of Visalia. You are the key to our program, therefore, we want your time with us to be rewarding.

Why become a volunteer? You can learn new skills; you can help others in need; gain on the job experience; gain self confidence; meet new friends; and just have some fun!

This past year was tremendous in terms of the individuals, businesses, and civic organizations that volunteered to beautify our park system through such programs as our annual Arbor Day and Let's Make a Difference Day events…

Many groups are also adopting parks or creek areas in which they would like to assist the City and the Urban Tree Foundation in beautifying.

There are many ways to Chip-In!

- **Volunteer occasionally to help maintain your parks, community centers or waterway trails**
- **Adopt a park or trail by performing maintenance on a regular basis**
- **Volunteer at Special Events**
- **And many more…**

We'll give you the tools you need…

Whether you're an individual or a group you can take an active role in making Visalia a better place to live. You can help on a one-time project, or on a recurring long-term project. No matter what level of commitment you choose, the City of Visalia Parks & Urban Forestry Division will work with each volunteer or group to develop the right solution for your area of interest.

ARBOR DAY is a national tree planting day and will be held **MAY 2ND 2009** on the St. John's Riverway Trail just east of McAuliff along the St. John's River.

The City of Visalia, the Visalia Parks and Recreation Department and the Urban Tree Foundation invite individuals, families and community groups to join the volunteers who have committed to work on the annual Arbor Day projects.