



Docent Volunteer Positions, Spring 2017

TO APPLY: Please fill out an online application at [here](#)

Send any questions to volunteer@santacruzmuseum.org or 831-420-6115 ext. 13

OHLONE PROGRAM DOCENT

The Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History is seeking Ohlone Program Volunteers to lead school tours focused on the history of the native people of Santa Cruz. This tour teaches students about how the Ohlone people used their knowledge and connection to nature to survive. During this field trip students learn by interacting with authentic artifacts and exploring our native plant garden.

Volunteers learn about and gain experience in:

Non-profit management and museum operations, Environmental and classroom education, Native cultures and local history, Natural Sciences and communications

REQUIREMENTS: Interest and experience in at least two of the following areas: anthropology, native California cultures, natural science, public speaking, elementary education, storytelling, and/or working with children.

Availability: Wednesday and/or Friday mornings, (8:30am-12pm), shifts are approximately 1.5 hours and there are multiple shifts every Wednesday and Friday.

ANIMAL PROGRAM DOCENT

The Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History is seeking Animal Program Volunteers to lead educational programs for school groups (K - 2nd) about animal adaptations and interactions within habitats. Docents will lead students in exploring artifacts and specimens in the Museum galleries and participating in outdoor investigations to learn about a variety of local animals from the shoreline to the redwood forests.

Volunteers learn about and gain experience in:

Non-profit management and museum operations, Animal biology and ecology, Environmental and classroom education, Natural Sciences and communications

REQUIREMENTS: Interest and experience in at least two of the following areas: environmental education, public speaking, biology, wildlife and/or working with children.

Availability: Thursday mornings (8:30am-12pm), shifts are approximately 1.5 hours and there are multiple shifts most Thursdays.

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WETLAND WALK PROGRAM DOCENT

The Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History is seeking Wetland Walk Program Volunteers to help lead school tours through the Neary Lagoon wetlands. This outdoor, experiential program educates students about wetlands and the birds who inhabit Neary Lagoon, and is a fun opportunity to participate in citizen science. Volunteers will work outdoors with education staff, leading small groups of 3rd graders in field trip activities.

Volunteers learn about and gain experience in:

Non-profit management and museum operations
Environmental and classroom education
Local wildlife with an emphasis on birds
Wetland Ecology
Science and communications

REQUIREMENTS: Interest and experience in at least two of the following areas: environmental education, public speaking, watershed science, birds, working with children, and/or outdoor education.

Availability: Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings, (8:30am-12pm), shifts are approximately 2.5 hours.

WATERSHED WALK PROGRAM DOCENT

The Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History is seeking Watershed Program Volunteers to help lead school tours throughout the Neary Lagoon wetlands. This outdoor, experiential program gets kids interested in our local watershed, while educating them on the delicate balance of our water systems. Volunteers will work outdoors with education staff, leading tours of small groups of 5th graders, and guiding students in activities such as water quality testing.

Volunteers learn about and gain experience in:

Non-profit management and museum operations,
Environmental and classroom education,
Water quality monitoring,
Science and communications

REQUIREMENTS: Interest and experience in at least two of the following areas: environmental education, public speaking, watershed science, working with children, and/or outdoor education.

Availability: Wednesday and/or Friday mornings, (8:30am-12pm), shifts are approximately 3 hours.

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NATURE RANGER PROGRAM DOCENT

The Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History is seeking volunteers to help lead school group for a 2 mile nature hike to explore the grasslands, mixed conifer forest, and redwood groves throughout the Pogonip open space. Volunteers will work outdoors with education staff, leading small groups of students in field trip activities about the ecological communities of the Pogonip.

Volunteers learn about and gain experience in:

Non-profit management and museum operations

Environmental and classroom education

Resource management

Science and communications

REQUIREMENTS: Interest and experience in at least two or more of the following areas: environmental education, public speaking, geology, biology, California history, working with children, hiking, and/or outdoor education.

Availability: Friday mornings (8:30am-12pm), shifts are approximately 3.5 hours.

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