

1. Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center

Volunteer Job Description: Guided Tour Docent

Job Description	As a Guided Tour Docent, you will lead tours of the Preserve and Nature Center. Your tour groups can range from preschool-grade 12 school groups to adult visitors.
Typical Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lead tours of the Preserve, Nature Center, Native Garden 2. As needed, help facilitate outdoor education activities 3. As needed, help facilitate indoor laboratory education activities 4. As needed, lead night-time programs
Required Background or Experience	<p>No previous teaching or tour guide experience is required, but being comfortable with public speaking is key. Experience in natural or environmental science is helpful. We provide training, but each of our docents brings a unique and valued perspective.</p> <p>Guided Tour Docents should be physically able to walk about 1.5 miles outdoors on Preserve trails for about 2 hours.</p>
Training requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attend all required training sessions. 2. Accompany a senior docent on at least two guided tours. 3. Demonstrate ability to lead a group of 10-20 people, both in a large outdoor setting and in multisensory indoor space.
Time Commitment	Tour season is from October to May, with the greatest need from Feb-May. Ability to conduct at least three tours a month is appreciated.
Benefits to the Volunteer	<p>From both adult and school groups, you will often learn as much as you impart. From the youngsters, you will revisit discovery and wonder. From the preserve, you will be constantly amazed.</p> <p>Guiding tours provides an excellent opportunity to gain experience in Nature Education and build understanding of biology, ecology, and environmental sciences.</p>