



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Volunteer Docent

Position Title:	Docent
Employment Classification:	Volunteer
Reports to:	Community Programs Manager
Department:	Education Department
Salary:	Unpaid

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Living Coast Discovery Center is looking for creative, passionate, and eco-friendly individuals to join our Docent Program. Docents will have the opportunity to provide guided tours of the nature center to guests and students, get involved in community projects such as habitat restorations and clean-ups, along with participating in other various roles including outreaches and hands-on training.

LCDC works with schools throughout the county to provide students of all ages with an interactive exploration of the natural world around them. LCDC also works with Federal, State and Local organizations in reaching out to various communities to educate about the importance of nature conservation.

DUTIES AND KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Facilitate guided tours and hands-on environmental programming.
- Assist in animal exhibit monitoring and education.
- Aid in conservation and sustainability projects including community clean-ups, guided hikes, and habitat restoration.
- Deliver interpretive talks and presentations to guests at community outreaches.
- Perform clerical duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS/SKILLS

Required Qualifications:

- Ability to work as a team with minimal supervision.
- Be willing to learn about all aspects of education.
- Help with any tasks requested by the supervisor with a positive attitude.
- Participants must be able to adjust to changes within the daily routines.

Desired Qualifications:

- Experience working with children in a school, after school, or camp setting.
- Ability to communicate and express scientific ideas to all ages.
- Knowledge of environmental education, animal husbandry, and/or life and earth sciences.



Commitment:

- Docent training will be one day per month, for 3 consecutive months. Each training day will last 4-5 hours.
- Must be willing to work a variety of shifts, ranging 2-8 hrs per shift, dependent on the program. Programs occur 7 days a week, Mon-Sun.
- 9-month commitment. Minimum of 3 shifts per month.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT/PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

This position requires participants to be physically able to perform all duties assigned. Guest interaction, front-facing customers, mostly outdoors, all types of weather, walking, standing.

HOW TO APPLY

Please complete the **Docent Application Form** on our website, livingcoast.org. If you are already a volunteer with Living Coast, be sure to only submit the **Docent Application Form**.

If you have any additional questions please reach out to us at volunteers@thelivingcoast.org or call the Volunteer Department at (619)409-5909.