



VOLUNTEER ROLES AT AQUARIUM OF THE BAY

Education Volunteer:

Position Duties:

Education Volunteers are involved in the many programs that the Aquarium provides to engage and educate our visitors. Daily duties may include the following:

- Interpreting aquarium exhibits, including answering guest questions, providing interesting animal information, explaining animal behavior and their role in the ecosystem, and discussing the importance of conservation;
- Assisting with daily visitor presentations;
- Assisting Aquarium teachers with classroom programs;
- Leading guided tours of the Aquarium's exhibits; and
- Assisting with special visitor programs such as monthly toddler programs, birthday parties and scout programs.

Qualifications:

Must be interested in marine biology, and be eager and willing to engage the wide variety of Aquarium guests. Patience, excellent verbal communication skills, flexibility and a sense of humor are essential in this position.

Requirements:

Must be at least 18-years old, in good physical condition to stand for up to four hours at a time and lift at least 25 pounds. Must be comfortable talking with the general public and in front of groups. Must pass brief written tests as part of training.

Commitment:

Must be able to work one four-hour shift per week for a minimum of six months and commit to an initial training period of one month.

Volunteer Diver:

Position Description:

On SCUBA, assist with the underwater maintenance of aquarium exhibits, including underwater vacuuming and scrubbing. Other duties include set-up and break-down vacuum pumps, preparing food, performing broadcast feedings, and assisting with in-water sevengill shark target feeding.

Qualifications:

Must be a certified SCUBA diver with a minimum of 10 logged dives and experience with cold water diving. Must also have a current dive physical and necessary dive equipment (wetsuit, booties, gloves, and mask).

Requirements:

Must be at least 18-years old, able to lift at least 50 pounds, and in good physical condition. Must be comfortable underwater and around various aquarium animals, including rays and sharks. Must also pass in-water and written dive tests.

Commitment:

Must be able to work one eight-hour shift per week for a minimum of six months and commit to an initial training period of two months.

Husbandry Volunteer:

Position Description:

Assist Husbandry staff with the maintenance of both aquatic and terrestrial exhibit animals. Duties include cleaning, health care, animal enrichment, food preparation, feeding, and record-keeping.

Qualifications:

Previous animal handling experience desirable but not mandatory.

Requirements:

Must be at least 18-years old. Must be able to work with minimum supervision, and be comfortable handling various animals, including reptiles, amphibians, mammals, and fish. Must be able to bend, lift up to 25 pounds, walk up and down stairs, and be tolerant of a wet work environment.

Commitment:

Must be able to work one eight-hour shift per week for a minimum of six months and commit to an initial training period of two months.

Volunteer Water Quality Technician:

Position Description:

Assist Husbandry staff with water quality testing of exhibit tanks. Duties include gathering water samples, testing water parameters, data entry into a spreadsheet program, and the cleaning and maintenance of the Water Quality Lab. Work with or in proximity to various chemicals.

Qualifications:

Previous water quality and data-entry experience are desirable but not mandatory. However, must have an understanding of basic water quality parameters like pH, salinity, dissolved oxygen, ammonia and nitrates. Basic training on water quality equipment will be provided.

Requirements:

Must be at least 18-years old. Must be comfortable working with lab equipment and be able to work with minimum supervision.

Commitment:

Must be able to work one four-hour shift per week for a minimum of six months and commit to an initial training period of two months.

Retail Sales Volunteer:

Position Duties:

Assist Retail Sales Associates and Team Leads with the day-to-day functions of the aquarium's two retail stores. Daily duties may include the following:

- Greeting guests in the retail stores
- Answering questions and assisting customers with finding gifts and souvenirs
- Reorganizing displays including straightening hanging apparel, refolding shirts, straightening shelves and bins
- Minor restocking of stores using understock
- Assisting with checkout including bagging and gift wrapping
- Light cleaning including dusting and glass cleaning

Qualifications:

Must be at least 18 years old, be interested in marine biology and conservation, and be eager and willing to engage with the wide variety of Aquarium guests. Patience, excellent verbal communication skills, flexibility and a sense of humor are essential.

Requirements:

Must be in good physical condition to stand for up to four hours at a time and be comfortable talking with the general public and in front of groups. Must attend mandatory training sessions and pass a brief written test.

Commitment:

Must be able to work one four-hour shift per week for a minimum of six months

Photographer Volunteer

Position Duties:

Roving photographer takes photos of Aquarium animals, guests, education programs, and events. Edits photos and posts online.

Qualifications:

Must be at least 18 years old, an experienced photographer and an avid user of social media technology. Must provide work samples.

Requirements:

Must have own camera, with equipment suitable for high resolution photography in our exhibit areas, including acrylic tunnel tanks and low-light environments. Must also have a computer with internet access and photo editing software and be able to work onsite and from home.

Commitment:

Must be able to work at least one three-hour shift per week on site, then post all photos from home within 48-hours of photo shoot, and participate in onsite marketing team meetings, as needed, for a minimum of six months.

Videographer Volunteer

Position Duties:

Takes videos of various animals and activities at the Aquarium. Projects may include documenting public programs and creating themed, narrated short-films. Edits videos and posts on YouTube.

Qualifications:

Must be at least 18 years old, an experienced videographer and film editor. Must provide work samples.

Requirements:

Must own video equipment suitable for filming in our exhibit areas, including acrylic tunnel tanks and low-light environments. Must have a computer with internet access and video editing capabilities, and be able to work onsite and from home.

Commitment:

Must be able to work at least four hours per week on Aquarium video projects and participate in onsite marketing team meetings, as needed, for a minimum of six months.