



Docent Description

Docents are long-term volunteers who assist The Wildlands Conservancy (TWC) in fulfilling its mission to preserve the beauty and biodiversity of the earth and to provide programs so that children may know the wonder and joy of nature. Wind Wolves Preserve (WWP) docents participate in a range of activities, from visitor engagement at kiosks, on trails, and during public programming, to land stewardship with conservation and restoration projects.

Key Responsibilities

Visitor Engagement

- *Kiosks:* Greet visitors, offering maps, trail suggestions, and information on points of interest. Answer general questions about TWC and WWP, and promote the Behold the Beauty Association.
- *Trails:* Interact with visitors, promote safe recreation, pick up trash, and report issues to staff.
- *Public Programs:* Assist staff during weekend programs, including guided hikes and large events. Duties may include setting up booths, collecting paperwork, cleaning up materials, and interacting with participants.

Land Stewardship

- *Trail Maintenance:* Assist staff with a range of trail improvement projects.
- *Conservation:* Assist staff with habitat restoration and public volunteer days, including native seed collection, propagation, field plantings, and biological monitoring.

Dates and hours vary seasonally. In the summer, early morning and evening programs are offered with shifts starting as early as 5:00 am and extending as late as 10:30 pm.

Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Comfortable working outdoors in various weather conditions (heat, cold, light rain, wind)
- Share a commitment to TWC's mission and demonstrate enthusiasm for environmental stewardship and education
- Some shifts may have physical requirements, including squatting, kneeling, carrying 10-30 pounds, and/or walking up to 7 miles on uneven terrain
- Attendance at orientation and any subsequent training sessions
- Willingness to learn about WWP and its natural and cultural resources
- Strong verbal communication skills
- Comfortable interacting with both adults and youth
- Work effectively with little to no direct supervision
- Reliable transportation to and from WWP
- Bilingual (English/Spanish) docents highly desired