**POSITION:** Farmyard Docent

**YOUR SUPERVISOR IS:** Mindy Castle

**TIME COMMITMENT:** Minimum of 4 hours per month. Farmyard Docents are needed on Thursdays or Fridays from 10am-2pm, and weekends from 10am-3pm, April – November.

**ACTIVITIES YOU’LL DO:**
- Demonstrate historic crafts and farm chores including wool spinning, rope making, hay hoisting, corn shelling, wheat milling and wood stove cooking.
- Display small farm animals such as rabbits, goats and chickens.
- Assist naturalists in providing historic farming activities for visitor participation.
- Guide visitors in making old-fashioned toys, ornaments and other crafts.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**
- Volunteers must be 16 years old and able to commit to a training schedule.

**QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS:**
- Friendly, patient and enjoy working with people of all ages, especially children.
- Comfortable working in outdoor conditions.
- Good verbal communication skills.
- Willing to acquire and wear late-1800’s period costume

**TRAINING YOU CAN EXPECT:**
- Training will consist of 5 hours of hands-on information in the following areas:
  a) Orientation to the East Bay Regional Park District, Ardenwood Historic Farm and its policies.
  b) Overview of California and local history.
  c) Basic knowledge of typical household activities of a late 1800s rural family
  d) Information on farm animals, crops and machinery
- 12 hours of job shadowing

**VOLUNTEER BENEFITS:**
- Opportunity to make a difference in a child’s life by providing an invaluable experience!
- Free admission to Ardenwood Historic Farm for immediate family
- Learn new skills from our talented docents and interact with interesting, fun people.