

**Crab Cove at Crown Beach, Alameda  
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Located along the shore of San Francisco Bay, education programs focus on marine ecology. Docents assist naturalists with marine related nature observations, aquarium talks, storytelling, and brackish water pond studies.

**Sunol Regional Wilderness, Sunol  
(732) 766/5465. [kcolbert@ebparks.org](mailto:kcolbert@ebparks.org)**

Deep within the Alameda Creek Watershed and near the historic towns of Pleasanton, Livermore, and Sunol, docents will assist naturalists with school programs on California Indian culture, California history, stream studies, and various other natural history subjects. Other opportunities include resource conservation projects e.g., wood duck and bluebird monitoring, help with special events, and periodic enrichment training.

**Tilden Nature Area, Berkeley  
(510) 766/5479. [dlcegf@ebparks.org](mailto:dlcegf@ebparks.org)**

Located in the heart of the Wildcat Creek Watershed, between Tilden and Wildcat Canyon Regional Parks, Tilden Nature Area docents assist naturalists with school and other public programs including resource management projects. Programs include educational activities at the Little Farm, Native Plant Butterfly Garden, Kids' Garden, and Environmental Educational Center. Docents may handle small, live animals in the farm classroom or nature center.

**Visitor Center Preference Form**

There are three ways you can apply:

1. Email the visitor center(s). Visit [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org) to fill out an interest form online.
2. Call the docent coordinator(s) at the visitor center(s) where you would like to volunteer.
3. Complete and mail information below to one or more of the visitor centers listed in this brochure.

A docent coordinator will contact you with more information about becoming an East Bay Regional Park District docent volunteer.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



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**Contact Information**

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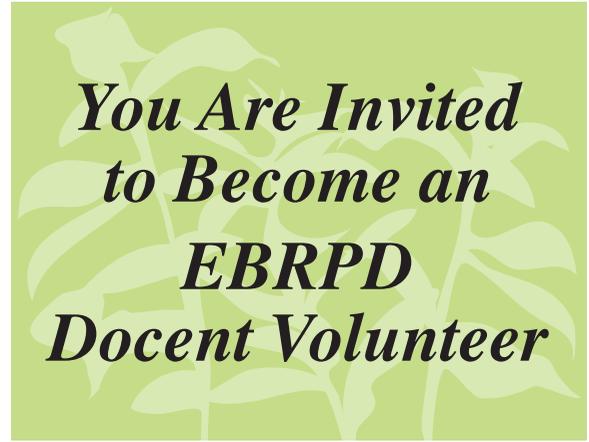
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If you love the outdoors and would like to be more involved in your community, consider becoming a docent volunteer at an East Bay Regional Park District visitor center. In today's world of technology, children are losing touch with their roots. You can make a difference in a child's life by sharing your enthusiasm for nature and history.

### **Docent Program**

Docents are highly trained volunteers who work with the naturalists at each of the East Bay Regional Park District's six visitor centers, teaching about the natural, cultural, and historical resources of the parks.

Docents promote greater understanding and appreciation of the plants, wildlife, history, culture, and ecology of our region and assist with:

- school field trips
- special events
- public programs
- resource protection

### **Qualifications**

Some requirements, such as minimum age, time commitment, and hours of availability, will vary at each visitor center. Fingerprinting is required for working with children.

Successful docent candidates will:

- be dependable
- be enthusiastic
- have good communication skills
- be interested in the environment
- be able to learn detailed information
- be friendly and patient with people of all ages, especially children
- be flexible

### **Training**

Each visitor center has developed a training program that focuses on what docents need to know to assist with the interpretive programs offered. Training sessions are usually six to twelve weeks in length. There is a \$35 fee for the training.

Training sessions may include:

- ecology
- botany
- geology
- zoology
- local history
- native people
- historic farming
- interpretive methods

### **Benefits**

A few of the benefits of being a docent include:

- making a difference in a child's life
- becoming acquainted with a dedicated naturalist staff and their programs
- camaraderie with like-minded people
- learning more about your East Bay Regional Parks
- being in beautiful natural and historic settings
- receiving recognition and awards

### **The Vision**

Early in the 1930s, East Bay Area visionaries saw the need to preserve land from development and created one of the nation's largest urban park districts. Thanks to their volunteer efforts and the continuing support from Alameda and Contra Costa County



residents, the East Bay Regional Park District created a vision to “preserve a priceless heritage of natural and cultural resources, open space, parks, and trails for the future” that continues today.

### **Our Mission**

To “...balance public usage and education programs with protection and preservation of our natural and cultural resources...” has resulted in an award-winning naturalist staff. Docents are needed to enhance and expand naturalist programs at the visitor centers.

Help naturalists achieve our mission:

- provide exciting hands-on experiences for students
- enrich school curricula in alignment with the California State Academic Content Standards
- serve thousands of school children each year
- participate in over 30 special events each year
- educate 100,000 people per year through public programs.

### **Docent Activities at Visitor Centers**

#### **Ardenwood Historic Farm, Fremont (510) 544-3282, cgarcia@ebparks.org**

Farmyard docents dress in late 1800s period costume and with naturalists demonstrate historic crafts and chores such as cooking on the wood stove, spinning wool, hay hoisting, shelling, and grinding corn. You may also handle small, live farm animals and assist with farming activities.

#### **Black Diamond Mines, Antioch (510) 544-2753, mmoran@ebparks.org**

Nestled in the northern foothills of Mt. Diablo, Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve was the site of California's most productive coalfield and was a major source of glass-making and foundry sands. Docents will assist naturalists with activities in the late 19th century coal-mining town-site of Somersville and the historic Rose Hill Cemetery. Other opportunities include program support in our underground Great-house Visitor Center (a 1930s era sand mine) and at special events such as concerts and festivals.

#### **Coyote Hills Regional Park, Fremont (510) 544-3216, bortiz@ebparks.org**

Located where Alameda Creek meets the Bay, the main interpretive focus at this park is Ohlone culture and marsh ecology. Docents will participate in activities such as string-making, acorn tops, fire-starting, and bead-making. You can also assist naturalists in the Butterfly Garden, pond studies, nature observations, youth programs, snake/turtle talks, and with special events.