

East Bay Regional Park District Ardenwood Historic Farm



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.