

Big Break Visitor Center

At the Delta

Volunteer Job Description



POSITION: Docent

YOUR SUPERVISOR IS: Kevin Damstra, Docent Coordinator
510-544-3053

TIME COMMITMENT: Minimum of 4 hours per month for one year. **Days:** School Programs – most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Public Programs – Weekends. Special Events.

ACTIVITIES YOU'LL DO:

- Assist with programming focusing on the wildlife of the Delta including: birding, owl pellets, fish, and scat and tracks.
- Assist with programming focusing on the flora of the Delta, including: Native vs. non-native plants, aquatic vegetation, and wetland ecology.
- Assist with programs focusing on the Delta ecology and human interaction, including: water and land use, hydrology, and water quality monitoring.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Volunteers must be 14 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 wear Park District Docent uniform

TRAINING YOU CAN EXPECT:

- Initial training will consist of 16 hours of hands-on information in the following areas:
 - a) Orientation to the East Bay Regional Park District, Big Break Visitor Center and its policies.
 - b) Overview of California and local history.
 - c) Knowledge of Delta ecology, environment, and cultural connections
 - d) Hands-on training for specific activities related to these subject areas

VOLUNTEER BENEFITS:

- Opportunity to make a difference and help connect our community to what makes this region special!
- Learn new skills from our talented naturalists and docents while interacting with interesting, fun people.
- Make friends in an exciting and supportive environment.