



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

JOB TITLE: SCHOOL TOUR GUIDE VOLUNTEER

SUPERVISOR: Staff Naturalist coordinating School Tours

PURPOSE:

Lead school student groups on walks in the forest while teaching a specific grade level curriculum. Students are encouraged to respect and appreciate nature while learning to follow certain rules expected of all visitors.

DUTIES:

1. School tours are normally held Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Staff Naturalists give a 30 minute introduction to the nature topic, before Tour Guide Volunteers take groups on nature walks to reinforce the classroom instruction.
2. Each volunteer will lead a school tour that lasts about 60 minutes with a group of about 10 students and one additional adult. School Tour Guides are responsible for these students until they return to the building and have been released to the teacher in charge.
3. During the School Tour, the Tour Guide teaches the appropriate grade lesson and respect for nature through observation and appreciation. Appropriate behavior is to be modeled.
4. It is helpful to the AMIGO School Tour Guide Coordinator, and staff for the School Tour Guides to check the master schedule (calendar) and signs up in advance to lead tours. It is also helpful to make a note, or inform staff when you will be unable to lead a tour.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Minimum age for tour guides is 18 years.
2. Submit to criminal background check.
3. Complete General Volunteer Training, School Tour Guide Training, and Nature 101 Interpretation class. Attendance at the Nature 101 Classes is highly recommended.
4. After training, there is a period of internship which includes following tours lead by Staff Naturalists or experienced School Tour Guides as an observer and becoming familiar with Arboretum trails.
5. Understand the educational goals of the Arboretum, as well as the rules, emergency procedures and Visitor's Policy.

REWARD:

School Tour Volunteers are rewarded with the joy and excitement children express during their walks. They often find things on their walk that an adult would overlook. Many children have never experienced the forest as we offer it and their eyes light up with awe when the Volunteer can show them the wonders of nature.