



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

### **Children's Docent**



**LOCATION:** San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, off Highway 1 in El Chorro Regional Park, between San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay.

**NEED:** Volunteers to conduct garden tours for children of all ages.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Children's Docents lead tours of the Garden to various school and social groups. Depending on grade level, Docents cover topics such as using the five senses in the Garden, discovering how mediterranean plants survive, pollination biology, and the uses of plants by people throughout the mediterranean regions of the world, including native Californians.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Conduct Garden tours for school age kids from all backgrounds
- Be available periodically to be stationed in the Garden to answer questions
- Keep informed about Garden plans and accomplishments

#### **QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must display a sincere interest in educating children
- Attend occasional in-service meetings for information and updates
- Be willing and available to conduct two tours per month
- Monitor and respond promptly to Email tour requests
- Keep records on tour dates and attendance
- Background check may be required.

**TRAINING:** Children's Docents must complete a full training prior to conducting tours. Training sessions are held in January, generally over four to five Saturdays. Docents are taught tour-conducting skills as well as the knowledge necessary to provide the information in an engaging way for kids. Shadow touring is expected of all new docents to build confidence and skill. For those with teaching experience or other experience communicating with the public, an individualized training program is available.

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