



Education Volunteer Position Description

Position Overview: The education volunteer will lead and/or assist student field trip activities on Capitol Land Trust (CLT) conservation properties.

Responsible To: Outreach & Education Coordinator

Key Responsibilities:

- Engage students in the wonders of the natural world.
- Share your knowledge.
- Foster student curiosity.
- Ensure timely activity rotation.
- Answer student questions.

Initial Impact: Education volunteers have an important role in connecting, or reconnecting, today's children to nature and provide a quality outdoor experience to local youth. By volunteering in our education programming, you expand CLT's ability to reach younger generations. As a volunteer, you will gain new knowledge, feel good about how your time is spent volunteering, and have fun doing it!

Sustained Outcomes:

- Inspiring the next generation of conservation leaders.
- Gaining community support for conservation.
- Building relationships with community members.
- Creating a personal connection to the natural world.

Training Provided: Training will be provided during a volunteer orientation held within two weeks of the first field trip of the program. Training for Bayshore Preserve FieldSTEM® is held in October and training for Inspiring Kids Preserve FieldSTEM is held in April. These trainings serve as an introduction to our programs, a tour of the field trip site, and practice with the field trip activities.

Support: Environmental education volunteers work with the Outreach & Education Coordinator where open communication is encouraged. The Outreach & Education Coordinator is present on field trip days. Resource and knowledge sharing among volunteers is encouraged. Education volunteers have to opportunity to provide program feedback and ask questions throughout the program.

Commitment: Volunteers are required to attend a 5-hour volunteer training for the program you would like to be involved in. For Bayshore Preserve FieldSTEM, the training is held early October. For Inspiring Kids Preserve FieldSTEM the training is held early April.

Volunteers are responsible for traveling to the training and field experience locations. Field training and experience location for Bayshore Preserve FieldSTEM is in Shelton, WA on Oakland Bay. Field training and experience location for Inspiring Kids Preserve FieldSTEM is hosted in north Olympia, WA on Henderson Inlet.

We request volunteers sign up to lead or assist on at least one field trip day. Day-of field trip commitment is between a 4-8-hours for Bayshore and about 5.5 for Inspiring Kids Preserve. Six Bayshore Preserve FieldSTEM trip days are held in late October/early November. Six Inspiring Kids Preserve FieldSTEM days are held in mid to late April.

Skills and Qualifications:

- Ability to pass a background check.
- Willingness to learn and share knowledge about Pacific Northwest ecosystems and history.
- Willingness to participate in different types of weather.
- Maintain a fun attitude when working with children.
- Flexibility.

Benefits:

- Opportunities to meet and get to know others who are interested in the natural world.
- Invitation to volunteer appreciation event.
- Learn new skills.
- Professional references.
- Share your knowledge with the next generation.

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