

Nature Center Docent

The Nature Center docent serves as primary host of the Nature Center! The Nature Center is a hands-on interpretive center that introduces visitors to Sierra Valley and the Feather River Watershed, along with local plants and animals, conservation work and Indigenous connection to land.

General Responsibilities:

- Welcome visitors to the Nature Center and answer questions
- Offer recreation suggestions throughout the Preserve
- Guide groups through the Nature Center exhibit space
- Answer questions
- Answer phones, take messages and route calls
- Register visitors for upcoming public programs
- Clean and restock supplies at the Nature Center
- Manage “Borrow a Backpack” program
- Manage moving exhibit carts
- Help with public programs happening during shift (field trips, docent walks or talks)

Background required:

- Excellent communication skills, including interpersonal communication with people of widely varying backgrounds, nationalities and interests.
- Keen interest in the geography, ecology, and history of the Sierra Valley and Feather River watershed. Knowledge of (or desire to learn) Indigenous history and ongoing connection to land in Sierra Valley preferred.
- Good organizational skills

Other requirements:

- Because this position works with children, a background check and fingerprinting will be required.
- Commitment to working regular shifts and hours in Nature Center

Who would love this job?

- A person who likes to interact with the public and people of all ages and backgrounds. A person who knows a lot about Sierra Valley, or is excited to deepen their knowledge and would rather be indoors than leading programs outdoors. This person would love to have a regular set schedule and longer shifts.

Field Docent

Docents are volunteers who lead trail hikes, experiences, events, or programs at the Preserve. They help visitors gain an understanding of Sierra Valley, the Feather River Watershed and the natural world. Docents share their knowledge and enthusiasm about exhibits, gardens/plants, trails, and wildlife by greeting visitors, answering questions, conducting workshops, and leading hikes.

Docents/experts needed in:

- Botany
- Biology
- Amphibians and Reptiles
- Agriculture
- Mammals
- Birds
- Insects
- Fungi
- Fish/Aquatics
- Geography
- Geology
- Astronomy
- Archeology
- Indigenous Culture and History
- Sierra Valley Settler History

General Responsibilities:

- Welcome visitors and groups to the Preserve and answer questions
- Lead walks, hikes, tours and events based on specific expertise
- Guide groups through the exhibit center and preserve
- Help with public programs happening during shift

Background required:

- Excellent communication skills, including interpersonal communication with people of widely varying backgrounds, nationalities and interests. Excellent teaching and public speaking skills, with an ability to explain technical topics to a broad audience in a compelling manner.
- Expertise in topics related to Sierra Valley and Feather River Watershed, along with specific interests (birding, botany, geography, etc.) Knowledge of (or desire to learn) Indigenous history and ongoing connection to land in Sierra Valley preferred.
- Commitment to at least 1 event per year

Who would love this job?

- A person who likes to interact with the public and people of ages and backgrounds. A person who knows a lot about Sierra Valley, as well as specific topics like birding, botany, or history. This person would prefer to lead programs outdoors and would be an excellent, engaging teacher and public speaker. This person would love to have a flexible schedule and be called to provide a tour at various times during the year, depending on availability.

K-12 Field Trip Docent

This position will lead our K-12 school visitors on hikes, indoor and outdoor experiences, events, projects/activities, or programs at the Preserve. They help children gain an understanding of Sierra Valley, the Feather River Watershed and the natural world. Each grade will have curriculum written for the docent to use in leading the class through on their field trip. The curriculum themes are:

- Kindergarten: Gardens
- First Grade: Insects & Invertebrates
- Second Grade: Reptiles & Amphibians
- Third Grade: Mammals
- Fourth Grade: Fish & Aquatic
- Fifth Grade: Birds
- Sixth Grade: Watershed
- Seventh Grade: the Life Sciences
- Eighth Grade: the Physical Science
- High School: Physical, Life, Engineering, Space

General Responsibilities:

- Welcome K-12 field trip visitors to the Preserve and answer questions
- Lead field trips using established curriculum
- Lead crafts and activities using the curriculum
- Guide groups through the Nature Center exhibit space and preserve
- Attend curriculum training before volunteering and leading school groups

Background required:

- Excellent communication skills, including interpersonal communication with people of widely varying backgrounds, nationalities, and interests.
- Excellent teaching and public speaking skills.
- Experience in education, teaching children, or administering lesson plans
- Expertise in topics related to Sierra Valley and Feather River Watershed, along with specific interests (birding, botany, geography, etc.) Knowledge of (or desire to learn) Indigenous history and ongoing connection to land in Sierra Valley preferred.
- Use of iNaturalist and/or Iseek a plus

Other requirements:

- Because this position works with children, a background check and fingerprinting will be required.
- Ability to walk through Preserve on uneven ground for longer periods of time

Who would love this job?

- A person who likes to interact with children and has a background in education. A person who knows a lot about Sierra Valley, as well as specific interests like birding, botany or history. This person would prefer to lead programs outdoors and has the energy to lead field trips for at least 3 hours. This person would love to have a flexible schedule and be called to be a field trip guide at different times during the week, depending on availability.

Office Volunteer

This position will help in our Nature Center office or FRLT's main office in Quincy.

General Responsibilities:

- Answer phones, direct calls and take messages
- Coordinate volunteers and scheduling
- Manage some event communications, reservations and coordination
- Data entry
- Computer Work
- Marketing/Social Media (if experienced)
- Graphic Design (if experienced)
- Light maintenance and cleaning
- Inventory and stocking of supplies
- Manage backpack loan program
- Support fundraising activities and direct mail campaigns

Background required:

- Excellent communication skills, including interpersonal communication with people of widely varying backgrounds, nationalities and interests.
- Experience in administrative and office tasks
- Experience with Microsoft 360, Outlook, Word, Excel, or databases a plus

Other requirements:

- Because this position may come into contact with children, a background check and fingerprinting may be required.

Who would love this job?

- A person who likes and has some experience in office and administrative work. A person who is comfortable answering calls and some interaction with the public. A person who likes a set shift or flexibility,— either works for this position.

Workshop Leader

This person will be an expert in and lead workshops or events that focus on:

- Weaving
- Foraging
- Plant Medicine or Botanical Uses
- Bushcraft
- Wildcrafting
- Art (drawing, painting, journaling, etc.)
- Music
- Photography
- Filmmaking
- Fiber Arts
- Food and Dining
- Storytelling
- Writing/Poetry
- And more!

General Responsibilities:

- Lead events, workshops on an ad hoc basis for the public, or for visiting K-12 school groups.

Background required:

- Expertise in an art, craft, skill or other talent.
- Excellent communication skills, including interpersonal communication with people of widely varying backgrounds, nationalities and interests.
- Experience teaching your skill or talent.

Other requirements:

- Because this position may come into contact with children, a background check and fingerprinting may be required.

Who would love this job?

- A person who is an expert in an art, craft, skill or has a talent they wants to share that passion with the public! This person should have experience teaching others their skill and can set up and run an exciting, engaging workshop with hands-on experiences for adults and children. This could be a paid endeavor (ticketing) or an opportunity to volunteer your talents to serve the community.

Recreation Docent

This person will be an expert in and lead workshops or events that focus on:

- Camping
- Biking
- Hiking
- Mindfulness/Yoga
- Boating
- Fishing
- Hunting

General Responsibilities:

- Lead recreation events and workshops on an ad hoc basis for the public.

Background required:

- Extensive experience with your specific recreation activity.
- Excellent communication skills, including interpersonal communication with people of widely varying backgrounds, nationalities and interests.
- Experience teaching your recreation skill or talent.
- Knowledge of best practices to keep participants safe a must.
- First Aid Certifications or other safety training preferred.

Other requirements:

- Because this position may come into contact with children, a background check and fingerprinting may be required.

Who would love this job?

- A person who is an expert in a unique recreation activity and wants to share that passion with the public! This person needs instructional experience and able to set up an exciting workshop with hands-on experiences for adults and children.

Stewardship Volunteer

This person will have experience with:

- Habitat Restoration
- Trail building & Maintenance
- Fencing
- General physical labor
- Construction
- Gardening/Landscaping
- Ranching
- Irrigation
- Invasive Weed Management
- Property Patrol

General Responsibilities:

- Work with Preserve Manager at Sierra Valley Preserve to perform land stewardship activities on the Preserve.

Background preferred:

- Work or personal experience in Land Stewardship activities preferred, but not required for all activities.

Other requirements:

- Safety training
- Appropriate clothing and footwear
- Stamina to work outside in all conditions
- Ability to walk on uneven ground, willing to get hands dirty
- Experience using tools a plus, but not required.

Who would love this job?

- A person who loves physical work and has experience working outside on the land. If you enjoy working in the fresh air, this job is for you.

Special Event Volunteer

This person would love to help out at the Preserve and Nature Center's special events. Activities would include:

- General event management
- Set up for event
- Take down for event
- Ticketing
- Directing parking
- Greeting guests
- Serving food
- Assisting with special lecturers/event leads
- Audio visual Set up and take down
- Lighting
- Cooking/ Bartending
- Logistics
- Fundraising
- Event Photography

General Responsibilities:

- Work with Public Programs Manager to prepare and execute Special events at the Preserve.

Background required:

- Experience with special events
- Comfortable talking with people of all backgrounds and experience working with the public in general

Other requirements:

- This position may interact with children, fingerprinting and background check may be required.

Who would love this job?

- A person who loves events and event management/execution. Someone who is flexible, works well under pressure, and enjoys working with the public. Someone who is excited to participate in special events to help make them a success.