



SEYMOUR CENTER AT LONG MARINE LAB

## Visitor Programs Exhibit Guide Volunteer Information • Spring-Summer 2012 Seymour Center at Long Marine Lab

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*Thank you for your interest in joining the outstanding group of people who volunteer as part of the Seymour Center's Visitor Programs crew. Our team of volunteers brings the excitement and importance of marine science to life for thousands of visitor a year. We hope you'll join us!*

**What would I be doing as a Visitor Programs Exhibit Guide?** Teams of volunteers, student employees, and staff work together in our visitor hall to connect with the public using hands-on, marine science interpretation.

**What are the benefits?:** Meet fun and dedicated people who share your enthusiasm for the ocean. Learn about local marine life and scientific research. Gain experience in public speaking, and interpreting marine science research and conservation. Regular enrichment opportunities are offered to active volunteers throughout the year. Active volunteers receive personal admission benefits, guest passes, and Ocean Discovery Shop discounts.

**What are the requirements?** Responsible, punctual and reliable. Enjoy working with people of all ages and backgrounds. Desire to learn and communicate marine science and research to the public through hands-on activities and engaging interpretation. Comfortable working with live marine animals. Comfortable working with children. Enjoy working cooperatively with a team of other volunteers and staff. Minimum 15 years of age. Attitude of a life-long learner. Previous knowledge of marine science or conservation preferred, but not required. *No experience is necessary.*

**What does the training cover?** Training sessions provide orientation to Seymour Center Visitor Programs, basic interpretation and marine science presentation skills, safe handling of live intertidal animals and sharks, introduction to a variety of marine science concepts, and the most current information on Long Marine Lab research.

**When and where is the training?** All training sessions take place at the Seymour Center at Long Marine Lab on **May 11 (5:30-9 PM), May 12 (9 AM-4 PM), May 19 (9 AM-4 PM), and May 20 (8 AM-Noon)**. Different information is covered each day, so new volunteers need to attend all training sessions. Reading and homework will be given each day. Ongoing training and support, and additional training sessions will be provided throughout the year.

**Minimum commitment: One shift every other week for six months, or one shift per week, summer only.** Vacations can be covered by swapping shifts with other Visitor Programs volunteers or by arranging subs. Students are able to switch shifts on a quarterly basis to accommodate class schedules. Intern positions are available that require more hours and additional responsibilities. Shift times are Monday (July & August only, otherwise Tuesday)-Saturday 9:30 AM-1:30 PM (morning shift); and 1:00 PM-5:30 PM (afternoon shift); Sunday 11:30 AM-3:30 PM (morning shift), and 1:00 PM-5:30 PM (afternoon shift).

**How do I apply to become a Visitor Programs Exhibit Guide?** First, submit an application that can be downloaded from our website: <http://seymourcenter.ucsc.edu/volunteers.html>. Applications will be reviewed, and selected candidates will be contacted for an interview as soon as possible. **Applications are due by May 9, 2012.**

### **Need more information or have questions?**

Contact Lucia MacLean, Volunteer Coordinator, [lmaclean@ucsc.edu](mailto:lmaclean@ucsc.edu) or (831) 459-3854.