

Volunteers Needed!

Become a Sanctuary Exploration Center Docent

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) is seeking dynamic individuals to become docents at the Sanctuary Exploration Center in Santa Cruz. As an Exploration Center docent you will have the opportunity to:

- Attend educational field trips
- Conduct sanctuary science
- Docent only monthly enrichments
- Earn a discount in our gift shop
- Interpret exhibits
- Conduct guided tours
- Assist in daily operations
- Participate in programs and events



The training program will be:

April 9th – May 11th on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm – 8:30pm and Saturday mornings from 9:00am-12:00pm

The training program is designed to help you as a docent interpret the rich natural and cultural resources of Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

What you will learn about:

- Local watersheds
- Geological features
- Leatherback turtles
- Deep-sea research
- Rocky intertidal
- Kelp forests
- Monterey Bay mammal migrations
- Plastics in the ocean
- Local fishing history and fisheries
- Interpretation techniques
- Cultural heritage

Informational Meeting: Wednesday March 23rd @ 6:00 p.m.

Where: Sanctuary Exploration Center – 35 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (across from the Dream Inn and the Wharf in Santa Cruz)

This meeting is not mandatory. Applications can be submitted through the website. <http://montereybay.noaa.gov/vc/sec/volunteer.html>

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age, and are required to commit to at least two four hour shifts per month.

For questions, please contact us at: explorationcenter@noaa.gov

