

Seattle Urban Nature Guide

Volunteer with Seattle Parks & Recreation

Become a SUN Guide!

Seattle Urban Nature Guides enhance, promote and foster appreciation of nature by connecting families and students with their Seattle parklands, and providing educational opportunities for all.

As a SUNGuide, you will:

- **Develop Job Skills** such as public speaking, education techniques and group engagement
- **Enjoy** a community of fellow volunteers and city staff
- **Receive FREE Training** on Pacific Northwest flora and fauna, habitats, environmental education techniques to connect with a wide variety of audiences and equity concepts
- **Lead hands on learning experiences** in a variety of settings from playgrounds to beaches
- **Familiarize yourself** with Seattle's destination Parks while helping others do the same



Commitment:

- Lead a minimum of 5 education events each year
- Complete all spring training sessions
- Be available during the week to guide school field trips
- **Or** be available on weekends, and or evenings to engage with community programs
- Recommended to attend fall training

Locations:

- Trainings take place at a variety of Seattle parks
- Programs and events will be held at various parks in Seattle

Service Days & Hours:

- Sunday-Saturday
- Programs and events are an average of 2 hours



To Apply

Review the position description and apply online!

<https://tinyurl.com/SUNGuide2019>

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Duties:

- Complete spring training.
- Guide and support interpretive and educational programs with school groups, public and the community.
- Communicate regularly with city staff for scheduling, upcoming events, and other details.

Benefits:

- Discover the natural and cultural history of Seattle Parks and Recreation's various habitats.
- Develop and hone communication, education and group engagement skills.
- Increase knowledge and understanding of equity.
- Share fun, fellowship and community with others who enjoy nature and appreciation of parklands throughout Seattle.

Requirements:

- Covid-19 Vaccination
- Attend the orientation and all training dates.
- Commit to guiding and/or supporting 5 programs or events annually.
- Commit to guiding 2 programs or events by Fall 2022(for admission into Fall Training).
- Enjoy working with a diverse range of audiences.
- Follow policies and procedures of the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation.
- Ability and stamina to lead programs over rough terrain.
- Willingness to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Provide your own mode of transportation to event locations. If driving as a volunteer, must have proof of auto insurance, driver's license, and take a Defensive Driving course.

Note: you are NOT required to drive as a volunteer

Training:

- Orientation
- Outdoor training
- Program observations of experienced SUNGuides or city education staff prior to solo leading.
- ***Spring training focus is forest, fresh and saltwater habitats, guiding techniques, interpretive methods, group dynamics, and equity.***

Continuing Education Sessions:

- Skill-building, natural history classes and evaluations are offered throughout the year.

