

# 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 8 education events each year
- Complete a required 5 full days (9:00am – 3:30pm) of training in the spring
- Be available during the week to lead school field trips
- Recommended to attend Fall Training 2020

## Locations:

- Trainings take place at Discovery Park, Camp Long and various parks in Seattle
- Programs and events will be held at various places and parks in Seattle, including Discovery Park and Camp Long.

## Service Days & Hours:

- Tuesday – Friday
- Programs and events are an average of 2 hours



## To Apply

Review the position description and apply online by **Thursday, March 19, 2020!**

**<https://tinyurl.com/SUNGuide2019>**

**Questions?** Contact Penny Rose at [penny.rose@seattle.gov](mailto:penny.rose@seattle.gov)



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## Duties:

- Complete five full days of training from 9:00am to 3:30pm.
- Lead and support interpretive and educational programs with school groups.
- Communicate regularly with city staff for scheduling, upcoming events, and other details.
- Provide park information and corrective education to the public when appropriate.

## Benefits:

- Discover the natural and cultural history of Seattle Parks and Recreation 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:

- Attend the orientation and all training dates.
- Commit to 8 programs or events by the spring of 2021.
- Commit to guiding 2 programs or events by Fall 2020(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:

- 1 day of orientation.
- 5 days of formal training.
- Program observations of experienced SUNGuides or city education staff prior to solo leading.
- ***Spring training focus is pond and beach habitat, teaching techniques, interpretive methods, group dynamics, and equity.***

## Continuing Education Sessions:

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

