

Seattle Urban Nature Guide

Volunteer Position Description

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:

- **Develop Job Skills** such as public speaking, education techniques and group engagement.
- **Share Fun, Fellowship, and Community** with others who enjoy nature and Seattle parks.
- **Receive FREE Training** on Pacific Northwest flora and fauna, Seattle habitats, and environmental education techniques to connect with a wide variety of audiences.
- **Lead hands on learning experiences** in a variety of settings from playgrounds to beaches.



Commitment:

- Lead and support a minimum of 8 education/interpretive events each year with school groups, community groups, and/or the general public.
- Attend orientation and complete 5 days of training in Spring 2018.
- Choose either Thursday or Saturday trainings
- Recommended to attend Fall Training 2018

Other duties:

- Communicate regularly with city staff regarding scheduling, upcoming events, and other details.
- Provide park information and corrective education to the public when appropriate.

Requirements:

- Fulfill commitments stated above.
- 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 group walks over rough terrain.
- Willingness to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Provide your own mode of transportation and take a Defensive Driving course, if driving.

Locations:

- Trainings take place at Discovery Park, Camp Long and various parks in Seattle.
- Programs and events are held at various places and parks in Seattle, including Discovery Park and Camp Long Environmental Learning Centers.

Service Days & Hours:

- Choose to volunteer Tuesday – Friday, and/or weekends. Programs and events are an average of 2 hours.

Questions? Contact Penny Rose at penny.rose@seattle.gov or (206) 386 – 4250.

Submit your application by **Thursday March 22, 2018**

Training Details

Spring Guide Training:

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

Fall Guide Training

- 5 days of formal training.
- Program observations of experienced SUNGuides or city education staff prior to solo leading, is required.
- Fall training focus is forest habitat, teaching techniques, interpretive techniques, cultural awareness and specialized programs

Continuing Education Sessions:

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