



Beach Naturalist Volunteer

Position Description

Deception Pass State Park
Washington Parks and Recreation Commission



Supervisor: Joy Kacoroski/Foundation AmeriCorps

Location: Rosario, Deception Pass State Park

Project Duration: May to September **Hours per Week:** As available

Hours per Month: As scheduled

Description of Duties:

Volunteer is responsible for providing stewardship education and interpretation at the Rosario Tide Pools. Operational duties include staffing the education table or roving the tide pools. Volunteer is expected to greet visitors and provide information about tide pools and the park.

Benefits to VIP:

- Informal Interpretive training.
- Experience communicating with people of diverse cultures.
- Gained knowledge of tide pool ecosystems and Deception Pass State Park.
- Experience working in a state park setting as part of a team with other volunteers, interns, and park staff.
- Ability to obtain an annual Discover Pass after the completion of 24 hours of service.

Goals/Outcomes of Job:

- Demonstrate, model, and encourage appropriate stewardship practices related to tide pool exploration.
- Provide high quality informal interpretation of park resources.
- Deliver excellent customer service while proving helpful information and answering questions.

Knowledge/Skills/Experience Desired:

- Excellent oral communication skills.
- Prior experience in customer service or education.
- Positive team player and able to work with a team of all ages.
- Knowledge of local area and tide pool resources (helpful).
- Conversationally fluent in multiple languages (helpful).

Special Requirements:

Volunteer will spend a majority of work time standing. Volunteer must have the ability to take care of themselves and be prepared for extreme sun, wind, or rain. Volunteer must also be able, and feel comfortable, walking on uneven slippery surfaces such as in the Tide Pools (unless special allowances are discussed). Volunteer will be working with the general public and children and is required to pass a background check. Volunteer is required to complete a half day Beach Naturalist Level I training course.