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Position Title: Interpretive Table Host or Assistant

Reports to: Manager of Volunteer Programs and Education Manager.

<u>Mission:</u> Interpret the natural and cultural resources of the Sacramento region—Principally in the lower American River Parkway.

Objective:

Expand the nature center's ability to provide free programming to visitors. Represent the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and provide visitors with information about our site and services available. Share how individuals can get involved to support as donors, volunteers, members, or visitors. Interpret table resources related to the natural and cultural resources of the Sacramento region. Deliver excellent customer service by the following methods: knowledge of organization's mission, positive attitude, initiative, a focus on the visitor's experience, and effective communication.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Setup and/or cleanup of exhibit tabling materials. Table, chair, nature center materials, etc.
- Greet the public, record visitor statistics, provide relevant information, encourage participation for upcoming programs and/or events.
- Lead or assist in the interpretation of tabling materials and/or activity present.
- Lead or assist a visit with an animal ambassador of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center.

Secondary responsibilities:

Handle and transport a live animal and interpret the animal ambassador for visitors.

Skills/Qualifications needed:

- Must be at least 14 years or older.
- Strong interpersonal skills, good judgement, and interest in serving the public.
- Interest in animals and wildlife; no unreasonable fear of snakes, insects, or other animals.
- Interest in natural history and environmental education.
- Volunteers must be free from any arrest or conviction of any felony or misdemeanor offense involving violence, sexual or physical abuse of any adult or child, or any felony narcotic offense. Volunteers are required to submit to a background check process.

Training:

• Safety Training and Orientation provided by Volunteer Manager.

<u>Evaluation</u>: Volunteers are encouraged to meet with the Volunteer Manager whenever necessary to discuss situations which may arise on the job. Periodic evaluations will be used to determine if the volunteer's needs and those of the Nature Center are being met.

Benefits: Ongoing learning opportunities and connect with a team of dedicated naturalists.

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Photos of Interpretive Table Hosts and/or Assistants



Dean and Cindy host an interpretive table on the topic citizen science and the Monarch Bioblitz. In addition, their table features a donation box, volunteer and membership brochure.

Summer 2023



Zildjian and Joey host a table with an interactive activity, "Whose fur is this?", mounted squirrel taxidermy, and a game of tic-tac-toe. In addition, their table features information about volunteer service opportunities, EYNC program calendar, The ACORN ARNHA quarterly magazine, and a donation box. In the background is animal ambassador raptor, Orion, a Swainson's Hawk.

Summer 2023.



Mother and daughter duo Angela and Kaia, host an interpretive table on birds of the Sacramento region with a variety of mounted taxidermy birds. Visitors to the pop-up were invited to study and sketch a bird (all sketching materials were provided by the nature center).

Spring 2023