



VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Marine Science Center Volunteer
LOCATION: Volusia County, Florida
REPORT TO: Stephanie Harris, MSC Volunteer Coordinator

OVERVIEW OF POSITION

At the Marine Science Center, students young and old can discover the many wonders of marine life in environmentally rich Volusia County. Whether you are interested in caring for animals, presenting educational programs, working at special events, or just lending a helping hand, the Marine Science Center has a place for you. The following is a list of areas in which you may volunteer including a short description of each area:

Aquarium volunteers assist by:

Food prep and feeding, monitoring water quality, cleaning aquarium glass and filters, live animal collection, life support system maintenance and research.

Bird Rehabilitation volunteers assist by:

Daily cleaning of all outdoor habitats, picking up old food, cleaning all pools, food prep, cleaning all substrates including sanitizing and raking sand, washing perches and large display rocks, providing cage enrichment, clean and set up inside cages, feeding, pool system maintenance: water changes, washing filters, laundry, dishes, sweeping, mopping, assisting staff with releases/daily care of permanent resident birds/projects.

Education volunteers interact with the public by:

Greeting guests with a smile when they first enter the gallery, monitoring the stingray touch tank (includes feeding), engaging guests in conversation about displays (requires training), answering guest's questions, checking the classroom for craft supplies and general appearance, assisting with school groups by explaining gallery displays to students, assisting special events, i.e., Turtle Day, Bird Festival, etc. We also have a need for volunteers proficient in Word & PowerPoint

Gift Shop Volunteer duties include:

Assisting customers, bagging merchandise, re-stocking merchandise, cleaning display shelves and cases, pricing merchandise, meeting people from all over the world and talking, laughing and having a great time.

Turtle Rehabilitation volunteers assist by:

Netting and scrubbing pools, cleaning of all outdoor habitats, washing filters and general sanitizing, food prep & feeding, picking up and netting out old food, laundry, sweeping and mopping floors, assisting staff with procedures/daily care and releases.

TIME REQUIRED

The Marine Science Center requests a volunteer time commitment of a minimum of 16 hours a month. Assigned days and times will be agreed upon between you and the program manager.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. The desire and motivation to protect the natural environment and wildlife
2. The ability to work independently and in a team setting
3. Ability to follow direction
4. Professional attitude and ability to get along with others
5. Ability to work in changing and sometimes extreme climates

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Aquarium volunteers: Minimum age 18 years

Bird Rehabilitation volunteers: Minimum age 16 years

Education volunteers: Minimum age 16 years

Gift Shop volunteers: Minimum age 16 years

Turtle Rehabilitation volunteers: Minimum age 18 years

EXPERIENCE

Prior experience is beneficial but not required.

TRAINING REQUIRED

On the job training will be provided. Before you can become an active volunteer at the MSC, you must attend a volunteer orientation.

LENGTH OF COMMITMENT

This is an on-going volunteer commitment. Maintaining long term volunteers at the Marine Science Center is vital to its success.

BENEFITS TO VOLUNTEER

1. Learn about marine life in environmentally rich Volusia County
2. Opportunity to work with a wide variety of bird species and several turtle species
3. Rare opportunity to work with threatened and endangered species
4. Students can use volunteer hours for graduation requirements
5. Great addition to resume!