Inspire children to protect San Francisco Bay
Become a Bay Shore Studies Docent!

Since 1974, Bay Shore Studies docents have been leading students on their “best field trip ever.” Join us to continue this important community tradition of environmental education!

What is Bay Shore Studies? A field trip that brings out the natural scientists in 3rd-5th grade students! Docents lead small groups of students in a hands-on exploration of the natural world revealed at low tide at the Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary, and guide students in their own discovery of each organism’s role in the ecology of the Bay.

How can I get involved? Attend an information session on Wednesday, 10/3 or 10/24 at 4:30pm, immediately after the Rosenberg Institute Seminar Series (schedule at http://eoscenter.sfsu.edu/content/rosenberg-institute-fall-seminar-series) or learn more at http://eoscenter.sfsu.edu/content/bay-shore-studies.

An orientation to the beach and tour program will be held on Monday, November 5th from 2:30-4:30pm, and comprehensive, 3-hour training classes will be held on eight Thursdays from 9:30-12:30 starting January 10th.

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What are the requirements to become a docent?
- Have an interest in helping children to connect with their environment
- Be 18 or older
- Have weekday availability between 9:30 and 2:30 from January-June
- Be fingerprinted and submit to a background check (no additional cost)

Is there a fee for the training? What does it cover?
- There is a fee of $65 for the docent training, which covers 8 training sessions, a comprehensive Docent Manual and other resources, one t-shirt, and an engraved wood nametag.

Is there a discount for students and people with limited income?
- Yes, the fee is $15 for current college students. No one will be turned away from the training based on ability to pay.

When and where do the Bay Shore Studies programs occur?
- Programs start in late January, and occur on low tide days at 9:30-11:30 or 12:30-2:30pm. Programs end for the season in early June.
- Bay Shore Studies programs are held at the Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary beach at 376 Greenwood Beach Road, Tiburon.

What is the time commitment to be a docent?
- After 24 hours of training (8 three-hour sessions) and observing or co-leading one or two 2-hour programs, docents are asked to commit to lead at least five 2-hour programs each season (about 1 per month)

What is the training schedule?
(subject to change)
Monday, November 5th 2:30-4:30pm Orientation and Low Tide Beach Walk
Thursday, January 10, 9:30-12:30 Introduction and Training Logistics
Thursday, January 17, 9:30-12:30 SF Bay Ecology
Thursday, January 24, 9:30-12:30 Focus on Invertebrates
Thursday, January 31, 9:30-12:30 Teaching Techniques/Next Generation Science Standards
Thursday, February 7, 9:30-12:30 Learning the Bay Shore Studies Activities
Thursday, February 14, 11:30-2:30 Get to know the Audubon site & Observe a school tour
Thursday, February 21, 9:30-11:30 Human Impacts, Tour Logistics and Scheduling
Thursday, February 28, time TBD What to do on a rainy day OR practice

Where will the training be held?
Most of the sessions will be held at the Estuary & Ocean Science Center at the Romberg Tiburon Campus at 3152 Paradise Drive, Tiburon. A few sessions will be held at RBACS on low tides.

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