

SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

Volunteer Title: Environmental Education Program Leader

Supervisor: Chip Littlefield – Park Ranger / Environmental Education Coordinator

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Location: Tucson Mountain District (West)

Ongoing: Applications, inquiries, and shadowing are accepted anytime

Time Commitment: 5 hours per week, October – April / negotiable May - September

Duties

- exploring nature and the Sonoran Desert with students from 3rd to 7th grades
- engaging and leading students through an inquiry-based process
- leading field science programs through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), project-based learning, and hands-on exploration

Benefits

- watching students from diverse backgrounds experience the awe and wonders of the natural world
- working with a team of dedicated and passionate volunteers who share similar interests
- participating in a variety of park sponsored training, guest speakers, fieldtrips, and the end of the year VIP Picnic

Goal / Outcome of Job

- to connect children/students to the unique resources of Saguaro National Park which in turn provides for the preservation and protection of the park for future generations.

Knowledge / Skills Desired and/or Required

- a background in education or experience in engaging and leading students through an inquiry-based, hands-on process
- energetic and passionate about nature, the park, and sharing with children
- basic, fundamental knowledge of the Sonoran Desert environment

Training / Preparation Required

- We will provide fieldtrips, park sponsored training, research, and on-the-job shadowing to help you be ready to present programs

Other Requirements

- The volunteer will be required to follow policies detailed in the Saguaro Volunteer Handbook.
- The ability to amble and explore up to 1 mile, off trail, over uneven open desert, in temperatures from 40-90 degrees for up to 2-3 hours.