



Volunteer Opportunities At Upper Newport Bay

Whether you are drawn to people or nature, or to the indoors or outdoors, there is a volunteer niche for you at the Upper Newport Bay (UNB) Ecological Reserve and Nature Preserve in the heart of Newport Beach.

The Naturalists of the Newport Bay Naturalists and Friends (NBNF) have contributed over 100,000 hours of documented volunteer service at UNB conducting water and walking tours, school and scout programs, hands-on restoration and a myriad of other activities in support of the California Department of Fish and Game, Orange County Parks, the City of Newport Beach and the California Coastal Commission.



Many volunteers get their feet wet, so to speak, at our Annual Cleanup Day held on the third Saturday of September. Each year about 1,000 people spend the morning picking up trash at UNB. Over 10,000 lbs. of trash and recyclables are collected. Individuals, families and groups are all welcome.



Restoration of natural habitat has been an important part of our work since 1990. The ROOTS and Second Sundays community-based restoration programs are a great way for many to become involved at the helping the Bay.

If you have the time and energy to commit to volunteering on a more regular basis, the first step is to take the one-day Associate Training class held every other month on a Saturday. Associates staff the Interpretive Center front desk, act as aquarists at the Back Bay Science Center, help organize outreach and special events, assist with water and walking tours and other education programs, and provide administrative, fundraising and community relations support. A time commitment of at least 4 hours per month is expected.

Associate Naturalists who have volunteered consistently over the course of at least four months and have demonstrated a sincere interest in becoming water or walking tour leaders or school program docents are eligible for the 10-week Naturalist Training Class that is held each fall. This prestigious course provides the in-depth knowledge of the natural history and ecology of the Bay to allow Naturalists to teach others about the Bay and the plants and wildlife found here. Prior life sciences education at a high school or



college level is not needed. Enthusiasm and a desire to share that enthusiasm with an elementary school, high school, adult or family audience are far more important.

A complete listing of volunteer opportunities can be found in the Help Wanted pages of the newportbay.org. Internships are also available. Take the first step by completing the online Volunteer Interest Form or the paper version overleaf.

Call (949) 923-2296 for more info and next training date.

**UPPER NEWPORT BAY
VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM**

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____ BEST TIME TO CALL: _____

I am able to commit to volunteering at least 4 hours per month

I am available to volunteer Weekdays AM or PM Weekdays after school Weekends

I want to help Interpretive Center Back Bay Science Center Around Bay Not Sure

I found out about volunteering at UNB (state how/where) _____

Please provide a little information about your specific volunteer interests.

Please fax the completed form to Rita McCoy at (949) 642-3189

Or mail a copy of it to: Rita McCoy
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