

Summary

Education docents provide interpretive programs to park visitors of all ages. These programs engage, inspire and connect visitors to the natural and cultural resources found within OC Parks facilities. Programs may be given as guided walks, staffing an interpretive booth or craft activities, or delivering programs at an interpretive center.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Deliver established interpretive programs.
- Give walking tours of natural areas.
- Create new interpretive programs at the direction of park staff.

Eligibility

- Complete all requirements as an OC Parks Volunteer.
- Ability to walk for at least one-hour over moderate terrain.
- Ability to learn technical information about natural processes.
- Proficiency in sharing knowledge in an engaging way.
- Recommendation by park staff.

Training Path

1. Complete OC Parks Volunteer training program.
 - a. Program Orientation Training
 - b. Background check
 - c. CPR and First Aid Certification
 - d. Complete site-specific training to receive park certification.
 - e. Receive OC Parks Volunteer uniform.
2. Train with park staff and/or volunteers who give existing programs.
3. Complete docent training courses where applicable.

Typical Schedule

- Educational programs are given during normal park operating hours. Days and hours vary. Check with park staff for availability.

Notes

- The OC Zoo has Education Docents that are specially trained to handle animals when engaging with the public. They have their own training and eligibility requirements. Please read the Zoo Docent Volunteer role description for more information.