

# Seattle Urban Nature Guide

*Volunteer with Seattle Parks & Recreation*

## **Become a SUNGuide!**

*Seattle Urban Nature Guides* enhance, promote and foster appreciation of nature by connecting families and students with their Seattle parklands, and provide educational opportunities for all.

*As a SUNGuide, you will:*

- **Develop Job Skills** such as public speaking, education techniques and group engagement
- **Enjoy** a community of fellow volunteers and city staff
- **Receive FREE Training** on Pacific Northwest flora and fauna, habitats, environmental education techniques to connect with a wide variety of audiences and equity concepts
- **Lead hands on learning experiences** in a variety of settings from playgrounds to beaches
- **Familiarize yourself** with Seattle's diverse parklands while helping others do the same



## Commitment:

- Lead a minimum of 8 education events each year
- Attend one orientation (2 hours – virtual)
- Complete a required 5 days (9:00am – 3:30pm) of training in the fall
- Be available during the week to lead school field trips, or weekends and evenings for community and public programs
- Recommended to attend Spring Training 2023

## Locations:

- Trainings take place at various parks in Seattle
- Programs and events will be held at Seattle parklands.

## Service Days & Hours:

- Monday-Sunday
- Programs and events are an average of 2 hours



## **To Apply**

Review the position description and apply online

**<https://tinyurl.com/SUNGuide2019>**

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## Duties:

- Guide and support interpretive and educational programs with school groups, community.
- Communicate regularly with city staff for scheduling, upcoming events, and other details.

## Benefits:

- Discover the natural and cultural history of parklands within Seattle.
- Develop and hone communication, education and group engagement skills.
- Increase knowledge and understanding of racial equity.
- Flexibility of setting your own volunteer availability.
- Share fun, fellowship and community with others who enjoy nature and appreciation of parklands throughout Seattle.

## Requirements:

- Attend the orientation and all training dates.
- Commit to guiding or assisting with 8 programs or events by the fall of 2023.
- Commit to guiding 2 programs or events by Spring 2023(for admission into Spring Training).
- Enjoy working with a diverse range of audiences.
- Follow policies and procedures of the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation.
- Complete a background check.
- Must be 18 years or older.
- Ability and stamina to lead programs over rough terrain.
- Willingness to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Provide your own mode of transportation to event locations. If driving as a volunteer, must have proof of auto insurance and driver's license.

*Note: you are NOT required to drive as a volunteer*

## Training:

- 1 orientation session.
- 5 days of training.
- Program observations of experienced SUNGuides or city education staff prior to solo leading.
- **Fall training focus is forest habitat, spiders, guiding techniques, interpretive methods, group dynamics, and equity.**

## Continuing Education Sessions:

- Skill-building, natural history classes and evaluations are offered throughout the year.



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