



2023-2024 Volunteer Docent Positions

Spanish-speaking Community Engagement Docent

Overview

This Docent assists in WMG's outreach and education efforts with the Spanish-speaking community. Outreach and educational activities include work at the Living Lab in central Tucson as well as in neighborhoods throughout Tucson. Duties can include assisting with bilingual and Spanish tours of the Living Lab, family and neighborhood education events, virtual education classes, Spanish interpretation, and translation of written materials into Spanish. Docents will work closely with bilingual, Latinx staff at WMG including: Community and Youth Education Manager, Cindy Hu; Bilingual Communications and Outreach Specialist, Christian Aguilar Murrieta; Green Infrastructure Coordinator, Luis Salgado, and Community Restoration Project Manager, Andrea Salazar.

The Spanish-speaking Community Engagement Docent will engage with the public at the Living Lab & Learning Center through filling a volunteer shift during the week, and/or at our monthly Family Saturdays.

Docents may also choose a project to work on with WMG staff to further the programmatic work of WMG, and project options will be presented to docents when they are accepted into the program.

Qualifications

- Fluent Spanish speaker

We are always looking to expand our educational offerings to a wider audience and you can help us meet that goal by supporting our Spanish communication and outreach. A portion of WMG's staff is bilingual, but there may be times when there are no Spanish speakers available, in which case it will be helpful for applicants to have a working grasp of English as well.

Siempre estamos buscando ampliar nuestra oferta de educación y tú nos puedes ayudar con eso al apoyarnos en la comunicación e involucración en español. Una parte del equipo de WMG es bilingüe, pero habrá momentos cuando no hay quien se pueda comunicar en español, por lo cual sería útil que los aplicantes tengan también un entendimiento básico del inglés.

- Aligned with WMG's mission
- Interest in community engagement and creating authentic, inclusive spaces
- Time to volunteer during the week and some weekends, 20 hours per month
- Suggested: ability to work outside & carry 40 pounds



Youth Education Docent

Overview

The Youth Education Steward will engage children and families in education activities that highlight the rivers, plants, animals, and sustainable living practices in the Sonoran Desert region. The docent's primary responsibility will be leading activities during Family Saturdays which take place at the Living Lab and Learning Center every first and third Saturday morning of the month.

Docents will assist staff in preparing materials and delivering hands-on activities that spark wonder and curiosity about the natural world. They will also help with family activities out in the community when available. Docents will work closely with WMG program staff including Youth Education Manager, Cindy Hu, and Education Program Director, Julie Regalado.

Docents may also choose a project to work on with WMG staff to further the programmatic work of WMG, and project options will be presented to docents when they are accepted into the program.

Qualifications

- Passion for teaching the community about issues related to the Sonoran Desert Region
- Aligned with WMG's mission
- Interest in facilitating meaningful learning experiences at the Living Lab
- Interest in community engagement and creating authentic, inclusive spaces
- Time to volunteer on the 3rd Friday and Saturday of the month, 20 hours per month
- Suggested: ability to work outside & carry 40 pounds



Educational Event Docent

Overview

This Docent will be a key member of our educational event team. We have in person events, usually held at WMG's Living Lab & Learning Center (a public demonstration site and our staff offices) and virtual events held on Zoom. This Docent must be able to attend 4+ events (virtual or in person) a month and will help before, during, and after in-person and virtual events on a needed basis.

For in-person events at our Living Lab & Learning Center, they will work with staff to set up for events (gathering materials, setting up tables and chairs, etc). During events, this Docent will check in with the participants and engage with them in a friendly manner and will also assist staff with teaching and/or leading activities, as skills and expertise allow. After the event, this Docent will help staff clean up and pack away the event.

For virtual events, this Docent will moderate events by introducing speakers, monitoring the questions that come in from the chat, and ensuring speakers are staying within the time allotted for the event. They will also help answer questions as they are able and may be trained as a teacher in certain classes or events. They will work closely with WMG program staff including our Green Infrastructure Coordinator, Luis Salgado, Program Manager and Educator, Charlie Alcorn, and Program Restoration Manager, Andrea Salazar.

Stewards may also choose a project to work on with WMG staff to further the programmatic work of WMG, and project options will be presented to stewards when they are accepted into the program.

Qualifications

- Friendly, good communicator
- Aligned with WMG's mission
- Interest in facilitating meaningful learning experiences in environmental education
- Interest in community engagement and creating authentic, inclusive spaces
- Ability to help with physical tasks including lifting and moving chairs and tables
- Available for a consistent weekly scheduled shift, at least 4 hours per week
- Suggested: ability to work outside & carry 40 pounds



Living Lab Ambassador Docent

Overview

This Docent is on the front lines of community engagement at WMG's Living Lab & Learning Center (LLLC), which is both a public demonstration site and our staff offices. Docents will greet visitors and direct them to our services, provide impromptu tours for drop-ins, answer phone calls from the public, help with preparing and print materials for public displays, care for the gardens and water harvesting systems, and help with special projects in alignment with their skills and passions. They will work closely with WMG program staff including Paul Kowalik, Living Lab Operations Manager, and Julie Regalado, Education Program Director.

Living Lab Ambassador Docents will engage with the public through a weekly volunteer shift at the LLLC's Welcome Center between 9am and 5pm, Monday - Friday. They will also lead LLLC Tours/Experiences on Saturdays at least once a month as well as specially scheduled tours/experiences with larger groups.

Docent may also choose a project to work on with WMG staff to further the mission and vision of WMG. We are particularly interested in having a docent who will develop a project caring for the gardens at the Living Lab.

Qualifications

- Friendly, good communicator
- Aligned with WMG's mission
- Interest in facilitating meaningful learning experiences at the Living Lab
- Interest in community engagement and creating authentic, inclusive spaces
- Ability to help with physical tasks including garden and water harvesting care
- Available for a consistent weekly scheduled shift, at least 4 hours per week
- Suggested: ability to work outside & carry 40 pounds



River Run Network Community Engagement Docent

Overview

WMG's River Run Network (RRN) is a group of Tucson community members working toward our 50 year vision to see our creeks and rivers flow again. This program has been around since 2016, and we have grown to over 3,500 members. We are interested in a volunteer who can support in many different ways, based on interest and availability. The River Run Network hosts multiple events on a monthly basis to engage the community in advocacy and grow knowledge of nature and stream ecology. It supports a community science monitoring program called Flow365, conducts invasive species removal in the Tanque Verde Creek, and hosts annual beaver surveys to track the beaver population in the San Pedro River.

The RRN Docent may support multiple efforts: planning and participating in monthly and annual events to engage the community in the 50 year vision and supporting the RRN Program Manager with the Flow365 monitoring program. They will be invited to collaborate with the greater RRN Staff team and attend team meetings.

Qualifications

- Interest in WMG's mission
- Interest in community engagement and creating authentic, inclusive spaces
- Time to volunteer during the week and some weekends, 20 hours per month.
- Suggested: ability to work outside, walk a few miles continuously in sandy, wet, muddy terrain, and occasionally carry up to 40 pounds