

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 providing educational opportunities for all.

As a SUNGuide, you will:

- **Develop Job Skills** such as public speaking, education and group engagement techniques
- **Enjoy** a community of fellow volunteers and city staff
- **Receive FREE Training** on environmental education techniques and equity concepts to connect with a wide variety of audiences
- **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
- Lead a minimum of 2 education events for admission into Spring Training 2024
- Complete a required 4 Saturdays (8:45am – 3:15pm) and 2 evening virtual trainings
- Be available during the week to lead school field trips, or weekends and evenings for community and public programs



Locations:

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

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>

Questions? Contact Penny Rose at penny.rose@seattle.gov



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Programs may take place in areas of rough terrain.

Duties:

- Complete fall training; recommended to attend spring training.
- Guide and support a minimum of 8 interpretive and educational programs with school and/or community groups per year.
- 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 equity.
- Flexibility of choosing your own volunteer shifts.
- Share fun, fellowship and community with others who enjoy nature and the appreciation of parklands throughout Seattle.

Requirements:

- Attend **one** orientation and **all** training days.
- Observations of experienced SUNGuides or city education staff prior to solo leading.
- Guide or assist with 8 programs or events by the fall of 2024.
- Guide 2 programs or events by spring of 2024 (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.
- 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, driver's license and complete a defensive driving course.

Note: you are NOT required to drive as a volunteer

Training:

- 1 on-line orientation session.
- 4 days of field training and 2 virtual sessions.
- Program observations of experienced SUNGuides or city education staff prior to solo leading.

Continuing Education Sessions:

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



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