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2012 SUMMER DOCENT PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in our Summer Docent Program. This program is open to students entering 7th-12th grades in the fall of 2012. The program is designed to give students lifetime skills in working with large groups of people, knowledge of the local ocean environment and a sense of accomplishment.

We offer three programs: Junior High Aquarium Touring Docents, Senior High Aquarium Touring Docents and Aquatic Nursery Docents. After acceptance and training the docents will give tours one or two mornings a week to students from school, clubs, and recreation centers.

Training Dates: Junior High Training week: 6/25-6/29, 9am-3pm
Tours, Tuesday-Friday, July 10-August 3
Field Trips

- **Monday, July 16 Sea World**
- **Monday, July 23 Catalina**
- **Monday, July 30 Beach Seine**
- **Tours End/Family Potluck- Friday, August 3**

Senior High Training week: 7/30-8/3, 2-5pm
Tours, Tuesday-Friday, August 7- August 31
Field Trips

- **Monday, August 13 – Sea World**
- **Monday, August 20 – Catalina**
- **Monday, August 27 – Senior Fun Day**
- **Tours ends/"Gumba" Party – Friday, August 31**

Aquatic Nursery Training week: 6/25-7/6, 9am-12:30pm
Tours, Tuesday-Friday, July 10- August 31
Field Trips

- **Monday, July 23 – Catalina**
- **Monday, August 20 – Catalina**
- **Tours end /"Gumba" Party – Friday, August 31**

Training is MANDATORY for returning and new docents – no exceptions.

Training is very important in ensuring a successful and enjoyable experience as a Summer Docent. **All docents must attend each full day of training.**

Sixty (60) students will be accepted into each of the two Aquarium Touring sessions and twenty (20) students will be accepted into the Aquatic Nursery program.

PROGRAM FEES

Program fees cover training materials, T-shirt, name badge and field trips. The fee for all programs is \$130.00. Financial aid is available and may be requested upon acceptance.

DO NOT send money with your application. Fees will be collected upon acceptance into program.

INTERVIEWS & ACCEPTANCE

All applicants must participate in the interview process – no exceptions.

All applicants will be notified of acceptance within 3 weeks after the interview is conducted.

Applicants will be contacted in May for interview appointment.

REGISTERING WITH THE CITY

All docents are registered as volunteers with the City of Los Angeles. All volunteers 14 and older are subject to background check that includes fingerprinting. Instruction will be provided upon acceptance.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are applying for the **Junior High Program**. You must be going into the 7th, 8th, or 9th grade in the fall of 2012.

1. Complete the attached application.
2. Include your personal resume.
3. Include complete Teacher Reference form.
4. Include a one-sided, one-page handwritten essay answering the following, "Why is the ocean so important?" (Essays written on computers will not be accepted).

If you are applying for the **Senior High Program**. You must be going into the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in the fall of 2012.

1. Complete the attached application
2. Include your personal resume.
3. Include complete Teacher Reference form.
4. Include a one-sided, one-page handwritten essay answering the following, "Just say you could make whatever you want, and it would work fabulously. What would you make to clean up ocean pollution and how would it work? (Essays written on computers will not be accepted).

If you are applying for the **Aquatic Nursery Program**. You must be going into the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in the fall of 2012.

1. Complete the attached application
2. Include your personal resume.
3. Include complete Teacher Reference.
4. Include a one-sided, one-page handwritten essay answering the following, "Choose which activity interests you most and tell us about how you've done similar hobbies or jobs in the past: 1) taking care of pets or animals in need, 2) working on a puzzle, 3) telling stories or acting, or 4) styling, designing, or creating things artistically."

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM Friday, April 27, 2012

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL FOUR (4) ITEMS TOGETHER IN ONE PACKET

Mail packets to:
Floyd Anderson, Volunteer Coordinator
Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen M. White Drive, San Pedro, CA 90731
Contact Floyd to Make Arrangements for Drop-off.



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Teacher Reference: 2012 Summer Docent Program

Student Name:

The student named above has applied for Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's Summer Docent Program. This program is designed to give students lifetime skills in working with large groups of people, knowledge of the local ocean environment and a sense of accomplishment.

Please note: Your student is **REQUIRED** to turn this recommendation in with his/her other application materials in one complete packet. *Depending upon your personal preference, you may give him/her this recommendation as is or in a sealed envelope.* Please call or e-mail Floyd Anderson at (310) 548-7562 ext.229; Floyd.anderson@lacity.org if you have any questions.

Your honest evaluation of the student in the following areas are much appreciated.

Cooperation, responsibility, dependability

Integrity, maturity

Ability to work with peers and adults

Appropriateness of speech, manners and dress

How long have you known the student?

In what class do you teach him or her?

I recommend the student: Enthusiastically With reservations
 Strongly Do not recommend

Please explain your recommendations (use the reverse side if necessary):

Teacher's Name	School
Email	Phone
Signature	