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Nature Ambassadors Needed

San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy Announces 15 Spots for Fall Docent Training

SOLANA BEACH – It's one of San Diego's largest protected coastal wetlands. Nature ambassadors are needed to help lead public and school tours. San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy announces Fall Docent Training for those who would like to inspire visitors with a deeper appreciation of the 979-acre San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve.

"We have 15 spots available this season for aspiring naturalists," said Doug Gibson, executive director and principal scientist with the conservancy. "We're looking forward to school field trips, public walks, family days and community events, and summer camps. We need nature ambassadors of all ages and backgrounds who can help us meet the demand for interpretive programs at the lagoon."

The eight-week training course (Sep. 30-Dec. 2) covers the ecology and history of San Elijo Lagoon. Docent training offers practical interpretive techniques and tips on how to lead groups of students and adults. Knowledge of the reserve or educator experience is not necessary: all the tools for learning will be provided. Students who complete training will join the docent family of friendly and knowledgeable lagoon protectors.

Since the founding of San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy 27 years ago, docents have been integral in leading walks and weekend events for visitors from around the world.

San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy is a community supported nonprofit land trust dedicated to conservation and public enjoyment of San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve. The reserve is located between Cardiff-by-the-Sea and Solana Beach, extending inland to Rancho Santa Fe. More than 700 species of plants and animals, many rare or endangered, can be observed along eight miles of trails.

How to Apply: by September 19, 2014

Applications are online at SanElijo.org/Docent-Training. The eight-week (40 hours) training is held Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to Noon (and two Saturday mornings) at San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center, from September 30 through December 2, 2014. The conservancy's website is SanElijo.org, or phone is (760) 436-3944 x 702.

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