# VOLUNTEER AT THE BIOPARK!



Summer Volunteer Orientation Saturday, May 17 11:00-12:00 Rio Grande Zoo Colores Building

Volunteering at the Zoo, Aquarium, Botanic Garden and Tingley Beach is a great way to meet new people, learn about the natural environment and spend time making a difference! Chances are, we've got the perfect job for you!

Teens and adults who would like to volunteer for the summer at the BioPark should attend this orientation! We will share information about the various positions available during the summer months.



For more details or a complete job description, call BioPark Education at 764-6245 or visit <u>www.cabq.gov/biopark</u>.

See the list of volunteer positions on the opposite side of this page.



Brief descriptions of our summer volunteer positions are listed below. Yes, you can participate in more than one volunteer program! Please attend the Summer Volunteer Orientation on Saturday, May 17 to find out how to get involved. Please note, each job requires additional training. Questions? Please call (505) 764-6245

#### **BioPark Nature Guides**

Shark teeth and skin, animal skulls and secret plant smells are just a few of the interesting items Nature Guides use to excite visitors about animals and plants. Teens, age 14 and up, staff our summer discovery areas at the Zoo, Aquarium and Botanic Garden. Adults serve as teen captains.

Training Days: June 2 and 3, 9:30am-3:30pm both days, OR June 27, 9:30am - 3:30pm.



#### **Touchpool Volunteers**

Teens, age 16 and up, and adults assist with the handson invertebrate Touchpool at the Aquarium. Introduce visitors to horseshoe crabs, horse conchs, sea urchins and other fascinating ocean animals while you teach about marine habitats.

Training Day: May 31, 9:30am-3:30pm



#### Heritage Farm Guides

Adults, 18 years and older, help visitors step back in time at the Rio Grande Botanic Garden's Heritage Farm, representative of the 1920s and 1930s. In period costume, Farm Guides share the history of agriculture, farm animals, daily farm life, and traditions of the Rio Grande valley.



Training Day: June 14, 9:30am-3:30pm

#### **Horticulture Volunteers**

Teens, age 16 and older, and adults assist our garden staff on weekdays at the Botanic Garden, Zoo or in the greenhouses. No gardening experience necessary! This is a great way to increase your plant knowledge and practical gardening skills.

Training Day: May 21 OR June 18, 9:30am–12 noon

#### **Conservation Camp Counselors**

Teen counselors, age 16 and older, are paired with a lead teacher, assisting them with a Camp BioPark class at the Zoo, Aquarium or Garden. If you love nature and children and are able to commit to at least two full weeks of the summer, you will love this job!

Training Day: June 4, 9:30am-12 noon.

## Greeters



Adults, 18 years and older, meet and greet the public at the Zoo, or Aquarium/Botanic Garden. Help personalize the visitors' experience by welcoming them to the BioPark. If you like talking with people, this is the job for you!

AQ/BG Training Day: June 17, 9:30am-1:00pm Zoo Training Day: June 19, 9:30am–1:00pm

### Tingley Beach Fishing Guides

Adults, 18 years and older, provide fishing instruction and information to visitors at Tingley Beach. They teach proper fishing techniques and etiquette, while instilling a sense of appreciation and respect for wildlife and the outdoors.

Training Day: May 22, 9:30am-3:30pm



#### **Garden Railroaders**

Adults, ages 18 and older, operate and maintain the G-scale model train at the Botanic Garden and answer the public's questions about the various trains in operation. Children and adults love this miniature railroad, and Railroaders help to enhance their experience.

Training Day: June 13, 9:30am-12 noon



