



Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center

Sea Turtle Apprentice Job Description

Job Title: Sea Turtle Apprentice

Department: Education

Department Supervisor: Cris Wagner

Program Leader: Michelle Byriel

Scheduling: Michelle Byriel

Purpose: To assist with night time turtle walk programs for the public during June and July. Apprentices will be paired with an experienced scout to walk the beach in search of a nesting loggerhead sea turtle for our program group to view.

Responsibilities:

- Walk the area beaches in search of a loggerhead sea turtle.
- Maintain radio communication with lead scout.
- Assist with crowd control around a nesting loggerhead sea turtle.
- Help to educate the public and answer questions about sea turtles.

Job Requirements:

- Availability for walks on Wednesday evenings during June and July from 8:45pm-1am. The potential exists for additional walks on other days including Monday, June 7 and Friday, July 2 from 8:45-midnight.
- Ability to attend all training sessions.
- Ability to handle muggy, buggy and rainy conditions.
- Ability to stand for long periods of time.
- Ability to walk on the beach for distances up to 3 miles.
- Ability to stay out past midnight or 1 am - to be determined by nesting turtles.
- Ability to communicate clearly.
- Must be able to supply personal items for the walks such as appropriate clothing, footwear, bug spray, back pack/fanny pack and poncho.

Time Commitments:

- Minimum commitment of 6 night walks

Training Consists of:

- Attend the following training sessions
 - Wednesday, April 21 from 3-5pm - Volunteer Turtle Walk Orientation
 - Wednesday, May 5 from 3-5pm - Sea Turtle Program training
 - Wednesday, May 19 from 3-5pm - Sea Turtle Program training
 - Wednesday, June 2 from 8:30pm-midnight - Program run-through and Scout Walk

Florida Oceanographic's Core Values:

- We believe in learning and understanding all we can about Florida's ocean and coastal ecosystems.
- We believe in teaching children and adults about Florida's environments in an exciting and interactive way.
- We believe in helping the visitors to enjoy and learn from their experiences at the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center.
- We believe that our approach to work is built on respect for one another and teamwork, including all employees and volunteers, creating a good workplace and allowing work to be exciting and fun.
- We believe in providing the best possible care for all living plants and animals within our exhibits.
- We believe in being good stewards of all the material and financial resources made available to us.
- We believe that our activities and actions should encourage others to be better stewards of Florida's ocean and coastal ecosystems.

Mission Statement:

Florida Oceanographic's mission is to inspire environmental stewardship of Florida's coastal ecosystems through education and research.

Volunteer Pledge:

I commit to fulfilling the above responsibilities to the best of my abilities. I further acknowledge there may be changes to this position overtime and that it is my responsibility to stay current with changes as they pertain to my role at the Coastal Center. I also understand that policies and procedures are set in place are for the safety and well-being of the animals, visitors, volunteers, staff and the organization as a whole. Updates to policies and procedures are posted in the volunteer station. I acknowledge it is my responsibility to review changes to policies and procedures at the beginning of each scheduled shift. I commit freely to working with Florida Oceanographic, to uphold its core values and strive to fulfill its mission.

Volunteer Name (printed): _____

Volunteer Signature: _____ Date: _____