

Benefits

Volunteering at SERC is a great way to learn more about the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay area and research carried out by the center. Other benefits include:

- Meeting **new people** with common interests.
- **Educational field trips** and "lunch with a scientist" events.
- **Discounts** at Smithsonian gift stores.
- **Easy access** to museums in Washington DC with a Smithsonian ID.
- Opportunity to borrow books from SERC's **extensive library** on environmental research and the Chesapeake Bay area.
- Behind-the-scenes **access to SERC research areas**.



Learn more about the Chesapeake Bay area!

Join us today!



Become a volunteer at SERC!

Becoming an education volunteer at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center is easy. Contact:

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Or visit:

www.serc.si.edu/education

for more information about our education programs and volunteering at the education department. We are waiting to hear from you!



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Join the action...and support our programs!

Join the education department at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) and support the center's K-12 and public education programs. Our hands-on and Distance Learning education programs center around SERC research and Chesapeake Bay ecology. We need you to help support these programs!



Volunteers help students explore Bay ecology

Is it for you?

Certainly! Please read the position descriptions below or contact us to discuss your interests and skills. Some positions require a larger time commitment than others; some can be done from home. All we ask is an interest to learn and share your knowledge with students.

Volunteer training

SERC education volunteers participate in a number of educational offerings that increase their skills and knowledge about the Chesapeake Bay area and research at the

Education



Volunteers take educational field-trips to learn about SERC research

Center. Education program workshops, "lunch with a scientist" events, and field trips to research sites or educational organizations are offered throughout the year specifically for volunteers. New volunteers are also teamed up with experienced volunteers until they get their "sea legs."

Available positions

Education

Canoe Guide

Lead two-hour canoe trips during the week or on Saturdays. Selected days, April through October.

Field Trip Assistant (Aquatic)

Work with elementary school students and support our outdoor Estuary Chesapeake field trip program. Once a week every week, April through October.

Field Trip Assistant (Terrestrial)

Work with middle and high school students and support our outdoor Marsh Explorations field trip program. Selected days, April through October.

Summer Camp CIT

As a Counselor in Training (CIT), assist with SERC's summer camps. Help lead science activities, canoe trips, hikes, environmental games, and crafts.

Exhibit Interpreter

Educate students about SERC history using displays along the Java History Trail.

Storyteller

Read from our collection of children's books at special events.

Education—continued

Nature Guide

Share your love and knowledge of birds, butterflies, bugs, plants, or other organisms during a guided walk through SERC's forest and wetland.

Toddler/Pre-school Program Organizer

Learn about nature activities for pre-school students and help us develop a sensory explorations program for this age group. If you have a toddler at home and would like to bring more nature in your lives, this is for you!

Maintenance

Trail Maintenance Crew

Hike the trails to check for accessibility.

Aquarium Maintenance Team

Learn how to maintain an aquarium and come check regularly on the organisms in our tanks.

Equipment Maintenance Team

Our education equipment can use your helping hands. Check and repair our waders, seine nets, and other science materials used by students.

Captains & distributors

Boat captain

Support our education programs on the Rhode River and Chesapeake Bay. Captain license required.

Flyer distributor

Help spread the word about our programs by posting flyers in local stores and meeting spaces.

Administration

Fundraisers and Grant Writers

Apply your fund-raising skills to a good cause and help us expand our educational offerings.

Gift Store Organizer

Our gift store is small but ready to grow. Help us manage the store.

Data Support Team

Help enter research data so teachers and students can access it online and use in the classroom.

Graphic Designers and Artists

Wave your creativity wand and help illustrate our education materials.