



3003 N. Thanksgiving Way; Lehi, UT 84063

Butterfly Biosphere Docent Program Application 2018

Did you know that about 84% percent of animal species are insects and their relatives? Did you know that if put on a massive scale, ants would outweigh humans?!? Did you know that despite being the beehive state, the honey bee is not native to Utah (or the Americas, for that matter)? If are interested in these facts (or already knew them) and are interested in telling them to others, we want to talk to you! Thanksgiving Point in Lehi, Utah is a 501(c)(3) non-profit collection of the coolest educational venues around. We are looking for **Docents** for our newest venue, the Butterfly Biosphere, scheduled to open in early 2019. The Butterfly Biosphere highlights the significance of invertebrates to life on earth with numerous interactive exhibits and live animals on display, as well as a 9,000 sq ft conservatory filled with live butterflies. IT WILL BE AMAZING!

Docent Program Information: Butterfly Biosphere Docents engage guests in transformative learning experiences throughout the Butterfly Biosphere by interpreting the diverse animal & plant collections, landscapes and history of Thanksgiving Point through an inquiry-based learning approach. Number of Docents Accepted: 20

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following: 1) Facilitate interactive and hands-on learning in assigned areas throughout the Butterfly Biosphere; 2) Conduct walking tours; 3) Be an ambassador for the Butterfly Biosphere both in and out of the Biosphere; 4) be willing to be trained facilitating guest experiences with insects and other animals, 5) Serve as a docent and mentor (to docents in training) during year two of your appointment; and 6) help us prevent insect escapes (i.e., become familiar with and enforce USDA containment guidelines).

Qualifications:

- Must be 18yrs of age and older.
- Have good people skills and be willing to work alongside our trained staff.
- Helpful to possess entomology training or have applicable knowledge and/or experience, but neither is required.
- Must be able to maintain the high energy level of the position.
- Must be willing to be trained to handle (hold) a variety of bugs, insects and animals.
- Completion of all docent training sessions. Held over 6 weeks beginning (October 1st, 2018 and culminating November 5th, 2018.
- Payment of **\$100** program fee which covers uniform, nametag, training and materials, and continuing education. Payment of \$100 is a onetime fee, with renewals set every 2 years at \$50 for subsequent years.
- Attend any additional training regarding new exhibits or changes in the biosphere. These will be held on the first Monday of each month.
- Must be available to work a minimum of 1 shift a week each month, or 2 Saturday shifts a month.
- Preference given to those with insect or natural history interpretation experience.

Length of Appointment: A Butterfly Biosphere docent commits to at least 2 years. The first year as a docent-in-training, and all subsequent years as an active docent/mentor.

Application Form:

Name:		Preferred Name:
Street Address:		Apt or Unit #:
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Current Thanksgiving Point Volunteer: Yes No		
How long have you been volunteering with Thanksgiving Point? _____		
Do you have formal or informal educational training with insects or horticulture? (It's okay if the answer is no!) If so, please describe your training.		
Phone Number:		E-mail Address:

Application Questions: *(Please respond with no more than 500 words per question. Feel free to attach an additional page for questions.)*

What knowledge, experience, or skills will you bring to the Butterfly Biosphere Docent program at Thanksgiving Point?
What is your favorite insect? Why?

Describe a memorable learning experience you had outside of a classroom?

What experience do you have teaching to learners of all ages?

Application Timeline:

Docent Program Applications Available	Docent Program Applications <u>Due</u> to Human Resources	Docent Program Interviews	Docents Notified of Acceptance	Docent Program Begins – Training and Classes
??????????	August 31st, 2018	September 10 th -14 th	September 23 rd , 2018	October 1 st , 2018

Docent Training Schedule:

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
October 1 st	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29 th	November 5 th

By signing below, I affirm that the information presented in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and with my signature I acknowledge that I have read through and understand the docent program requirements, schedule, and commitments.

Signature of Applicant

Date of Application