

**Children's Walk Guide
Learning & Engagement
San Francisco Botanical Garden**



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POSITION SUMMARY:

Every school year, Children's Walk Guides introduce young children to the wonders of the natural world, often for the first time. Experience the Botanical Garden through a child's eyes and help connect children with the environment through an exploration of the plants and animals living in the Garden's varied habitats. Children's walk guides serve nearly 6,000 schoolchildren in grades K-5 each year.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Lead groups of 6 to 8 K-5th grade students and chaperones through the Garden
- Inspire and encourage curiosity and discovery in the natural world
- Demonstrate respect for plant and animal life in the Garden

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Completion of 12-week training course
- Payment of \$100 materials fee (\$75 for members of SFBGS)
- Commitment to 1 year of service, leading an average of 2 walks/month
- Participation in continuing education offerings sponsored by the Docent Council and the Youth Education Program

REQUIRED SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE/ABILITIES:

- Enthusiasm for working with children
- Enthusiasm about the natural world
- Physical mobility to navigate the Garden for up to 1 ½ hours
- Maintain active membership in SFBGS

TRAINING

Children's Walk Guides attend 12 consecutive training sessions which take place on Tuesday mornings from 9am–12:30pm. Trainings are offered twice yearly, starting in February and in September.

Guides learn basic ecology and botany along with techniques for engaging children outdoors through an exciting mix of hands-on classroom time, walk observation, and practice. No previous horticultural or teaching experience is required.

San Francisco Botanical Garden is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes applications from individuals who will contribute to its diversity.

San Francisco Botanical Garden is a non-smoking facility. Smoking is also prohibited in Golden Gate Park.