



Bat Talk & Walk Assistants

Reports to: Program Coordinator, Corky Quirk

Mission: To educate the public regarding the environmental benefits of bats, especially those that migrate through the Yolo Basin, and dispel fears and myths that lead to the death of roosts and colonies.

About the program: The program will start with a presentation about bat natural history at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters. Following the presentation the group will carpool out to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area for a brief tour of the wetlands and rice fields. We then get in position to watch the “flyout” of the largest urban colony of Mexican free-tailed bats in California. The bats emerge in long ribbons as they head out to hunt for insects for the night.

The whole *Bat Talk & Walk* program takes about three hours. Programs begin in late-June and run through September.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Help with set-up of the room, greet guests, and answer questions
- Assist with one or more of the following during the program as well: selling t-shirts, crowd control, and sharing information about bats
- Three to four assistants are needed at each *Bat Talk & Walk*
- There is also an option to be a Driver. As a Driver, the volunteer is the tail car to ensure all guests are staying within the caravan group and to lock gates behind the group
- Bat volunteers also have the option to help with our other bat programs such as: Bat House Building Workshop, Bats and Brews, Bats and Crafts, The Great Causeway Bat Count

Skills/Qualifications:

- An interest in bats!

Training:

- Training is held once per year in the first week of June
- If volunteers have missed the training they can still volunteer but must contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@yolobasin.org prior to signing up

Schedule/Commitment:

- Shifts are 4.5 hours

To apply go to www.yolobasin.org/volunteer.