



## ***Discover the Flyway Docent***

**Reports to:** Education Coordinator, Heidi Satter

**Mission:** To offer children a meaningful outdoor experience that will give them an appreciation for the wetlands, agriculture, and wildlife of the Central Valley and contribute to a lifetime of healthy outdoor activities and development of a land stewardship ethic.

**About the program:** The all day *Discover the Flyway* field trips start at the demonstration wetlands behind the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters. Students rotate through wetland themed science learning activities or a social studies unit. All activities are hands-on, interactive, and inquiry based.

The field trip continues after lunch with the distribution of loaner binoculars and bird I.D. cards to each student followed by a binocular lesson. Then students load up in their bus or chaperoned cars and caravan to the nearby Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area for a time of discovery.

### **Primary Responsibilities:**

- Lead hands-on learning stations
- Assist with field supplies
- Help develop program tools
- Team up with staff to co-lead field trips
- Co-lead or assist with Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area tours and nature walks

### **Skills/Qualifications:**

- Experience or interest in working with children in an outdoor setting
- Experience or interest in learning about conservation, nature, plants, and wildlife

### **Training:**

- Provides an introduction to wetlands and how to lead outdoor learning activities
- Takes place at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Headquarters
- This training is held once per year. Attendance at all sessions is strongly preferred. If volunteers miss any or all of the sessions, they are still welcome and able to volunteer by attending ongoing training opportunities and shadowing activities prior to leading a station.
- Must be Livescan fingerprinted, complete a background check and complete a mandated reporter training prior to volunteering
- Fall 2024 Docent Training Dates: September 3, 5, 9, 11, 13

### **Schedule/Commitment:**

- Volunteer shifts are weekdays throughout the school year from approximately 8:00am to 11:30am for activity stations and 11:30am to 2pm for Wildlife Area tours
- Volunteers can sign up for the morning shift, afternoon shift or both!
- Docents commit to lead, assist or shadow a minimum of three times a month

To apply go to [www.yolobasin.org/volunteer](http://www.yolobasin.org/volunteer).