



## Volunteer Opportunities with Education Programs

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Volunteers (3-10hrs weekly) and Interns (15-18hrs weekly) who work in the aquarium and interact with visitors are required to become a member. Student membership is \$20.00. Volunteer/interns will receive a t-shirt, name badge and all the privileges that come with a membership.

### Volunteer Job Descriptions

#### **School program assistant 9:30am-12:30pm (Monday-Friday)**

(Only available when programs are scheduled)

- Assist Marine Education Staff with field trip programs for young students Volunteer is required to help with seine netting, specimen collecting, and cleaning materials after program.
- Must be comfortable speaking in front of large groups
- Enjoy interacting with children in a helpful and cheerful manner
- Show competency in knowledge about aquarium life and marine life of Tampa Bay

#### **Touch Tank Guide: 1-4pm (Sunday-Saturday)**

- Must be properly trained on opening and closing procedures and follow these at all times
- Must be comfortable speaking in front of large groups and have patience
- Be able to stand for 3 hours with a break if needed
- Show competency in knowledge about aquarium life and marine life of Tampa Bay
- Enjoy interacting with the general public of all ages in a helpful and cheerful manner
- Will be required to feed small sharks and assist visitors with feeding
- Will be required to train on general aquarium tank maintenance

#### **Aquarium Husbandry Internships**

##### 1) Aquaculture Program- 1 opening

- Assist in the expansion and maintenance of The Pier Aquarium's aquaculture program. Species involved include catsharks, seahorses, and clownfish.

##### 2) Coral Program- 1 opening

- Assist in the maintenance of The Pier Aquarium's live coral collection, from water quality to propagation. Lots and lots of filter and algae cleaning is involved.

#### **Dress Code**

- A Pier Aquarium shirt and name badge should be worn when working. Extra Shirts can be purchased at a cost of \$10.00
- Shorts or slacks of appropriate length and solid colors should be worn. Blue Jeans are not allowed.
- Wear closed toed shoes w/tread, preferably tennis shoes. Flip-flops & sandals w/out backs are not allowed

#### **Conduct Code**

- Cell phone use is prohibited while working with visitors and school groups.
- Consumption of alcohol during work hours or Pier Aquarium events is prohibited.
- Inappropriate or offensive language will not be tolerated.
- The Pier Aquarium does not tolerate sexual harassment or sexual comments to other volunteers, staff members or visitors

#### **Typical Physical Requirements:**

Bending, lifting, sitting, speaking, standing, wading in water, walking