

- *Do you love the outdoors and always want to learn more about it?*
- *Do you have a passion for sharing your love of the outdoors with children?*
- *Do you get a kick out of doing hands-on projects with curious students?*

The Earth Discovery Institute (EDI) is seeking volunteer docents to guide students in environmental education at Crestridge Ecological Reserve. EDI is rooted in the belief that young people and the natural environment need each other to thrive. Our county is anticipating a dramatic population surge in the coming two decades. Communities are searching for ways to accommodate growth while preserving a unique and treasured environment. San Diego, home to more biological diversity and unique imperiled species than any other place in the country, is looking to its young people as the future stewards of these resources. The Earth Discovery Institute at Crestridge prepares these upcoming generations of leaders.

Crestridge is a 3,000-acre ecological reserve on the north side of Crest. In each of the past 3 years students from 4th-12th grade have visited the Reserve as part of a cutting-edge effort that addresses curriculum content standards for each relevant grade level through outdoor, hands-on activities. The students' experience also includes 'service- learning.' Through activities such as native plant restoration, water quality monitoring, and sustainable building construction, they learn the importance of giving to the environment and the community, making the reserve and the world healthier for their contribution. Many students extend their service- learning by identifying and conducting related projects in their schools and neighborhood.

Be a part of changing the world right here in your own backyard! Volunteer docents are needed to serve as instructors for the students. An ongoing time commitment of 4 hours per week is required. Training will be provided. Call (619) 437-7989 or visit www.earthdiscovery.org.