

GTM Research Reserve Docent Series

Description:

The Docent Series is a grouping of programs being offered at the GTM NERR as community education opportunities for the public to engage. All of these programs deal with the heart of the reserve's mission to achieve the conservation of natural biodiversity and cultural resources by using the results of research and monitoring to guide science-based stewardship and education strategies.

The mission of the Docent Series is to demonstrate that all ecosystems are connected to the estuary, and the actions that I take in my own environment can affect the health of the entire natural world. We wish for each program that is presented to the general public to convey this mission through the presentation, tools, and activities presented.

The docent series will begin in January 2013. Please view the [GTM NERR Docent Program Overview Presentation](#) to gauge an overview of the program or [click here to view our brochure](#).

Recommended Skills:

- Have a positive attitude, passion for communicating about our environment, is dependable, and reliable.
- Knowledge of communicating about the [GTM NERR](#) and [reserve system as a whole](#).
- Knowledge of [estuarine literacy principles](#) (which will be used as a guide for evaluation).
- Knowledge of north Florida's natural and cultural resources.
- Willingness to lead a group of anywhere from 5-25 people of mixed audience type (children, adults, academics, etc.).
- Knowledge of or ability to learn how to use new media technologies for program RSVP's ([Eventbrite](#)) and online presentation tools ([Prezi](#)).
- Ability to attend an education workshop/training opportunities when offered.
- *Ability to attend monthly docent series meetings (dates posted on the volunteer calendar).*

For hikes or outdoor activities:

- Ability to walk 2 - 3 miles at a moderate pace
- General knowledge of upland/estuarine/coastal flora and fauna (*program dependent*)
- Ability to use GPS or willingness to learn (*program dependent*)

Visit: <http://gtmnerr.org/educationindex.htm> for more information on the specific programs. The programs are listed under "Public Ed Programs" Or visit the [Volunteer Calendar](#) to sign up to lead or shadow a docent program!

What is the different between a lead versus a shadow?

While *leads* are taking on the responsibility of delivering the program; *Shadows* help set up, break down, hand out/collect evaluations, and act as an active support for the scheduled lead. Depending on the relationship between lead and shadow, some may be more actively involved in the program facilitation than others.

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Click here for the [Docent Series Homepage](#) for more information on the presentations.
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