COLUMBIA RIVER
MARITIME MUSEUM
ASTORIA / OREGON

EDU Cart Docent

Volunteers facilitate visitor exploration of a maritime topic using a hands-on, mobile experience that encourages guests to use sight, touch, smell, and hearing. The goal of the docent is to help interpret our shared maritime heritage in an interactive way.

The volunteer must be comfortable speaking with small groups of visitors.

The volunteer should be able to lift the tub of items and navigate the cart through the museum. A chair or stool is provided for relief from standing for long periods of time.

Docents interact with visitors of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds with awareness and respect for the diverse needs of our visitors.

General duties:

- The volunteer will develop a good working knowledge of topics in our EDU Carts to be comfortable with the content.
- The volunteer will arrive 10-15 minutes early to select an appropriate place to place the cart, share their location with the Front Desk, set it up, and invite visitors to interact with the items. They will carefully put items away and return the cart at the end of the shift.
- The volunteer will be able to speak clearly, make eye contact, and use welcoming body language as outlined in the CRMM Docent Training.
- Volunteers will use the counter to keep a count of visitors they interact with and will record that information on the visitor log clipboard stored inside the EDU Cart.

Training: The volunteer will complete EDU Cart training sessions as well as the first session of Docent Training.

Time Commitment: EDU Cart shifts are generally 1.5 to 2 hours long. Volunteers pick up shifts as noted on the Volunteer Opportunities Calendar and are welcome to coordinate dates/times with the Volunteer Coordinator. Please check in with the Front Desk when you arrive.

Who to Report to: Volunteer Coordinator, Education Supervisor, Education Director