

Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve

Docent Training Membership Application 2026

Docents are trained volunteers whose main job is to interpret the natural and cultural resources of Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve to its visitors. Trainees engage in a comprehensive course of study that will provide a strong foundation for becoming a successful interpreter.

Training will be held on Wednesday mornings 8:30-11:30, March 4 through June 20. Two Saturday sessions will also be required. Trainees are expected to attend all training sessions and complete weekly homework, including reading assignments and online videos. (Further information: See training dates and schedule on last page)

Trainees will participate in Visitor Center, Public Walks, TIK, and BLIK training sessions. After completion of these training sessions, trainees may participate in interpretive duties and receive hours toward the 84-hour yearly requirement. There is a \$95.00 application fee which can be paid by credit card or check at the first meeting.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Why are you interested in becoming a Torrey Pines Docent?

Are you available during the week and weekends?

What is your current occupation?

Retired:

Hobbies and interests?

Have you ever served as a volunteer? If so, Where?

In what capacity?

California State Parks and the Docent Society would like to know of any personal or work-related skills, hobbies, or experiences that you might contribute to the Docent Society and State Reserve.

The Docent Society considers the following activities to be service priorities. Where are you anticipating contributing?

- ☐ Visitor Center Host
- ☐ Public Walk Leader
- ☐ Youth Education Program
- ☐ Trailhead Interpretive Kiosk (TIK)
- ☐ Beach/Lagoon Interpretive Kiosk (BLIK)

State Parks and the Docent Society ask you to list two references who are not family members. Please include a phone number and email address.

Further Information: Training Schedule Dates and Times:

March 4, Wednesday 9:00 Orientation and the Torrey Pine Pavilion

March 11, Wednesday 8:30 History of the Reserve	Pavilion
March 14, General Meeting 9:00 Welcome to attend	St. Peter's
March 18, Wednesday 8:30 Plants	Pavilion
March 25, Wednesday 8:30 Geology	Pavilion
April 11, Saturday 9:00 General Meeting, Native Peoples	St. Peter's
April 15, Wednesday, Habitats, 8:30	Pavilion
April 22, Wednesday, 8:30 Birds	Pavilion
April 29, Interpretation 8:30	Pavilion
May 9, Saturday, 9:00 Insects and Spiders	St. Peter's
May 13, 8:30 BLIK	North Parking Lot
May 20, Open review 9:00	Pavilion
May 27, Open review 9:00	Pavilion

NOTE: The State of California requires all selected applicants to submit fingerprinting and background checks. This will be done during a training session.

My signature below indicates that I agree with the following:

I understand that I can miss only two (2) class lectures and/or interpreter-led hikes. Missed assignments must be completed. More than two absences will result in termination from the program. After I complete docent training, I will be expected to serve a minimum of 84 hours annually.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit your completed application by email to:

docenttraining@torreypine.org

(You can fill in this form with a web browser or a PDF viewer. If you have trouble, fill in a printed copy and email the scanned image.)

Thank you for submitting your application. You will be contacted after your application has been reviewed.