



PPC Environmental Learning Docent Handbook

About Pease Park Conservancy

Pease Park Conservancy celebrates the diverse ecology and history that make Austin's first public park valuable and unique. The Conservancy works to restore, enhance and maintain this 84-acre public green space for the sustainable use and enjoyment of all. The Conservancy's vision is for Pease Park to be known as an accessible urban green space where land stewardship, environmental innovation and inclusive programming embrace the community's history and inspire its future.

Pease Park Docents

Docents are a special group of volunteers that help Pease Park Conservancy achieve its mission in the park. Environmental Learning Docents provide conservation-related learning experiences for park visitors of all ages, serve as representatives of Pease Park Conservancy, and assist the Conservancy's conservation team with land management initiatives.

This volunteer leadership role is ideal for people who are passionate about the environment and sharing that passion with others. Candidates might be someone who has devoted their life to environmental sciences and studies, and wishes to share that knowledge with the public. Docents can also be people with varying degrees of experience and with interest in leading volunteer groups and providing environmental education to students and adults.

Opportunity

The Pease Park Conservancy docent program is an opportunity for individuals to:

- share their knowledge and passion of the environment with Austinites of all kinds of environmental backgrounds
- enhance leadership and communication skills
- learn more about the work of Pease Park Conservancy and our partner organizations, greenspaces, environmental studies & sciences, and land management practices
- become involved in the community and meet like minded people with similar passions
- make a difference in people's lives by sharing the wonders of the natural world with the public

Responsibilities

- Facilitate conservation learning programming for groups such as:
 - Student field trips
 - PPC volunteer groups
 - Attendees at PPC large scale events, including Squirrel Fest, Pride Picnic, Southern Lights
- Facilitate conservation learning programming activities such as:
 - Keep Austin Beautiful Generation Zero Waste Activity Kits
 - National Geographic Bioblitz throughout Pease Park pavilions (Kingsbury Commons, Live Oak Meadow, Gaston Green, Lamar Terrace)



- Families in Nature Ecologist School Pease Park Edition pocket guide lessons
- Project Wild Coursework and activities
- Help lead volunteer work in the park
- Table in Pease Park to share information about upcoming events and encourage folks to complete PPC survey(s)

Requirements

- Monthly commitment of up to 4 Docent hours in Pease Park
- Individuals must agree to and pass a background check as required by the City of Austin and Pease Park Conservancy
- Ideal candidates are
 - 18+ years of age
 - enthusiastic, patient, and friendly demeanor
 - passionate about the environment

Trainings

- Environmental Learning Docents will undergo training with Pease Park Conservancy staff before leading volunteer groups or programming events
- Environmental Learning Docents will likely receive training from Families in Nature in order to lead educational programming with school groups

Benefits

- Two free tickets to Luminarium - Pease Park Conservancy's annual fundraiser that takes place in the fall, complete with food, entertainment, and more! (1 Ticket for a docent and 1 ticket for their plus one)
- Invitation to volunteer appreciation events
- Free Pease Park Conservancy Swag

To Apply

Please fill out the [Docent Interest Form](#) and we will be in touch within a week with next steps.