



Home Land Security Volunteer Art Guide

Overview

The FOR-SITE Foundation is looking for enthusiastic individuals who have a passion for art and the natural and cultural history of the Presidio and San Francisco, and a desire to share this knowledge with the public.

Home Land Security Art Guide volunteers will have the opportunity to guide exhibition visitors at historic military sites in Fort Winfield Scott in the Presidio of San Francisco. Art Guides will orient and interact with visitors, explain the artworks, provide information about the artists and the conceptual themes at work in the exhibition (such as home, safety, and defense in an increasingly pervasive climate of fear and distrust.) and their relevance to site. They will also answer visitor questions, participate in the social media program, and monitor assigned locations for security, visitor flow, and art maintenance.

Appropriate clothing and comfortable, safe footwear is necessary for the working environment. This position includes physical activities such as standing and walking from site to site occasionally. The sites include buildings never opened to the public before: three coastal defense batteries, the Nike Missile Admin Building, and a chapel; all enlivened with the work of 18 artists from all over the world. Countries of origin range from Iran to South Africa. The exhibition is already receiving acclaim from the press and visitors alike (New York Times; San Francisco Chronicle; San Francisco Magazine).

Commitment Expected

One 3 1/2-hour shift per week on weekdays and/or weekends for the duration of the exhibition. Art Guides are required to attend training sessions before the first shift.

Exhibition dates: Sept. 10 – Dec. 18, 2016

Exhibition hours are 10am – 5pm, Wednesday – Sunday

Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Greet and engage visitors in the art featured in their location, providing descriptors, background information on the artists, and identifying connections between the exhibition artworks and the sites' corresponding histories
- Willing to develop some knowledge of site history and National Park Service
- Monitor artworks for safety, integrity and maintenance needs
- Monitor and adjust visitor flow to assure the highest level of visitor comfort and safety

- Monitor assigned location for security and resource protection
- Access to email and a computer for communication and to access online training materials
- Willingness to wear Home Land Security volunteer attire (you will receive your very own Home Land Security hat!)
- Provide general visitor assistance, as requested



Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Ability to comfortably engage and communicate with people in a public setting
- Interpersonal skills: considers and responds appropriately to the needs and capabilities of different people in different situations; is tactful, and treats others with respect; relates effectively to others when encountering difficult situations
- Customer service: responds efficiently and cordially to requests for service and assistance
- Communication: speaks clearly and effectively, is thoughtful, persuasive
- Problem solving: identifies and resolves problems in a timely manner; works with others to solve unexpected site issues
- Teamwork: pitches in and contributes to achieving group goals; supports everyone's efforts to succeed; balances team and individual responsibilities
- Dependability: completes tasks on time; takes responsibility for own actions; can be relied upon; is consistently on time
- Demonstrated interest in art and history

Physical Requirements and Exhibition Environment

- Shifts are primarily performed standing or walking
- All art locations are located in unheated buildings and the physical environment is rustic

Why Apply

- Opportunity to expand your knowledge of the Presidio and its art through physical movement and public interaction
- Help local, national and international visitors develop a better understanding and enjoyment of Bay Area public lands
- Make new friends and join a team who share similar interests
- Support your national park
- Attend Art Guide gatherings where volunteers will have the opportunity to socialize with other Art Guides and learn more about the park and its vast array of resources for public use
- Be part of a growing volunteer community dedicated to stewarding Bay Area public lands and making them a welcoming place for park visitors

For more information and to apply for this position, please contact:

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Please no phone calls about this position.

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