

Position: River Center at Lockhouse 8 docent
Status: Volunteer, Part-time
Reports to: River Center Coordinator, Potomac Conservancy

Overview: Volunteers will help maintain and staff the River Center at Lockhouse 8 in the C&O Canal National Historical Park, provide information to park visitors, promote the river protection activities and programs of the Potomac Conservancy and lead occasional education activities for park visitors.

Tasks: The docents will answer visitor questions and distribute information about the Potomac Conservancy and the C&O Canal National Historical Park. In the morning, the volunteers will open the River Center to the Public. Before closing, they will keep the public areas of the River Center tidy, restock materials, and remove trash and recyclables. Volunteers who are able and interested will lead walks, talks or occasional education programs for small groups of families and children.

Qualifications:

At least 18 years old

Comfort working with adults and children and small groups (individual and group leadership experience a plus but not required)

Natural resource background or educational/interpretive experience desired

Commitment to conservation

Docents must attend an orientation meeting (2008 training is April 19)

Time Commitment:

Minimum of four hours per day, one weekend day minimum a month May-October

Benefits:

Opportunity to meet and interact with park visitors and socialize with likeminded peers.

Volunteers will gain a greater knowledge of the C&O Canal and its natural and historical attributes and have unique access to historic Lockhouse 8.