



Docent / Volunteer Class Information

Friends of the Big Bear Alpine Zoo

Docent Training 2013 Schedule

1st set of classes will begin on Saturday, April 13th, and will run for four consecutive Saturdays

2nd set of classes will begin on Thursday, May 9th, and will run for four consecutive Thursdays

(All classes are typically held from 11 am to 1 pm)

During this training you will learn all aspects of the Big Bear Alpine Zoo, and how you can become involved.

Session # 1: *The first class will be held at the Friends office.*

The session will provide you with a history of the zoo and the beginning of the Friends of the Big Bear Alpine Zoo, to the many issues they have had in building a new zoo.

Session # 2: *This class will be held at the zoo.*

This session will provide you with a look at all the ways you can be actively involved as a docent / volunteer. You will meet the Curator, Debbie Richardson, and explore opportunities in the Gift Shop, Snack Shack (aka: Grazing Corral), kitchen, and gardening activities.

Session # 3: *This class will be held at the zoo.*

This session will focus on the animals, and how and why they are now residents of the Big Bear Alpine Zoo. You will be treated to a private animal presentation and you will share information about an animal of your choice with other members of the class.

Session # 4: *This class will be held at the zoo.*

This session will focus on "roaming" (mixing with park visitors), and tour guiding. During this session, you will act as a tour guide and conduct a mini-tour, consisting of three animals, for the other members of your class.

After the completion of session # 4 you will be instructed to complete the administrative "Checklist".

1. "Checklist" will have been given to you in session # 1.
2. Complete a Volunteer Application with the County and arrange for fingerprinting (no more than 30 days after finishing the docent class).
3. After fingerprinting is completed, we will await the results of your background check with the Department of Justice.
4. Once you have passed the background check you will then be considered a docent graduate.

Further training will be available on an individual basis.

Please remember in order to participate in the docent training you will need to complete an application. This application is available on-line or you can pick one up at the office.