



California Naturalist Program Fall 2016 Application

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
In Collaboration with University of California Cooperative Extension

Due Monday, August 24, 2016

Please submit application to Kathy Castaneda, California Naturalist Coordinator
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First name

Last name

Street address

Street address line 2

City

State

Zip code

Home phone

Cell phone

Cell phone

Email

Please respond to all questions and sign the **Statement of Terms of Acceptance** at the end of the application.

1. Please give your reason(s) for applying for the California Naturalist program.

2. Please describe your volunteer experience. Include organization(s) and the role you played.

3. Are you interested in becoming a docent, or volunteering in another educational capacity at SBBG?

For more information about the Garden's volunteer opportunities, please contact Kathy Castaneda, the California Naturalist Coordinator & SBBG Manager of Volunteer Programs (kcastaneda@sbbg.org).

4. Tell us about one special project or activity you have initiated and completed, or contributed to in your community or work.

5. Briefly describe your outdoor, nature or science-based experiences. Include any college degrees and relevant training. Please indicate any areas of personal interest.

6. Do you have any special skills or interests (e.g. plant identification, artistic, computer skills, photography, hiking, finance, teaching, etc.)

7. Do you have any teaching and educational outreach experience? List types of experiences or training.

8. Communication to members of the class will be via e-mail; documents will be sent electronically or distributed on a thumb drive. Computer availability is essential. Following training, California Naturalists use a web-based volunteer management system to record hours and to access the quarter California Naturalist Newsletter, opportunities, activities, and teaching materials.

I have the ability to open and send documents and emails, and have internet access.

9. List any languages, other than English, you speak and/or write fluently

10. Are there any conditions or circumstances which might make it difficult for you to attend and complete the training program? The training program is 10 weeks in duration beginning September 7; class session meet 4:00pm - 7:00pm. Field trips are usually between 9:00am - 1:30pm.

11. Three of the requirements for graduation are: 1) complete a Capstone Project either individually, with a partner, or in a group of not more than four fellow students, 2. maintain a Field Notebook for the duration of the training, and 3) submit three iNaturalist observations. Are you able to comply with these requirements?

Applications and signed Terms of Acceptance form are due by August 24, 2016.

Applicants will be notified if they have been accepted into the program; fees are due on acceptance, and will be due September 7, 2016 if they have not already been paid.



Statement of Terms of Acceptance

I understand that if accepted into the SBBG California Naturalist Program, I must:

- Attend all classes

- *Dates for Fall Classes*

10 Wednesdays from 4:00pm - 7:00pm, September 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9 (may miss 1 class, can be made up)

must attend 4 of 5 Saturday field trips: September 17, 9:00am - noon
September 24, 9:00am - noon
October 1, 10:00am - 1:30pm
October 22, 9:30am - 1:00pm
October 29, 10:00am - 1:00pm

- To receive 4 UC units, complete and submit all homework assignments in writing.

- Complete the Capstone Project, Field Notebook, participate in class citizen science project, and iNaturalist observations.

I understand that payment of \$360 will be due at time of acceptance. The required textbook is the *California Naturalist Handbook*. In addition, *A Naturalist's Guide to the Santa Barbara Region*, by Joan Easton Lentz, is **highly recommended**; discounts available in the SBBG Shop. Limited copies are available to check out from the Education Office. There may be additional minor miscellaneous expenses. Fees are non-refundable after classes begin, except in extenuating circumstances, when a partial refund may be available.

All graduates are encouraged to complete a minimum of 30 hours of volunteer service for a local science-based organization during or following completion of the program.

The California Naturalist Program is one requirement of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Docent Training Program. Upon completion of required volunteer hours, a \$250 refund is available with approval. Scholarships are available to prospective docents with financial need. Please contact the Director of Education, Frederique Lavoipierre (flavoipierre@sbbg.org) for more information.

Signature

Date