



DOCENT APPLICATION

Date _____

Name _____ Email* _____
(please print legibly)

Home Phone _____ Other Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Are you currently a member of Tohono Chul Park? Yes No Membership # _____

Are you a year-round resident? Yes No

Additional Address *(if you are a part-time Tucson resident)*

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Dates you are at this address _____

Emergency Contact Information

1. Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____

2. Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____

If you are currently employed:

Employer _____ Position _____

Full-time Part-time (please indicate days and times): _____

Please provide the names and addresses of two references (other than friends/family members):

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

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Address _____ Telephone _____

*We maintain an internet based volunteer database and all scheduling is conducted via online website or email.

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I am interested in service in the following areas (check all that apply):

- On-site Tours  Children's Programs
- Adults  Special Interests
- Children  Birding
- Community Outreach  Gardening

- Adult Speakers Bureau
- Classroom Outreach

- Art
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

I have experience in the following areas (check all that apply):

- Clerical/Computers
- CPR/First Aid
- Foreign Language \_\_\_\_\_
- Gardening
- Grant Writing
- Museum Work
- Public Speaking
- Retail Sales
- Teaching

*You are applying for Tohono Chul's Docent Training Program. This is a major commitment in terms of time. It also requires that you are willing to support the educational goals of Tohono Chul. Please respond to the following questions as completely as possible. The more you can tell us about yourself, the better we can place you in our program, providing you with an enriching volunteer experience and giving Tohono Chul the full benefit of your talents.*

1. What is your training/background? Please include specific education and work experience.

2. What are some of your special interests?

3. Why did you choose Tohono Chul for your volunteer service?

4. What do you think a docent does and why do you believe you would make a good one?

5. Do you have any previous docent or volunteer experience?  Yes  No  
If yes, please tell us where, for how long, and describe your responsibilities.

6. Do you have any experience working with the physically or learning impaired?  Yes  No  
Please explain.

7. The major focus of Tohono Chul's education programs is children. Through on-site docent-guided tours and summer/weekend programs, as well as off-site school outreach presentations, the Park provides Tucson's young people with an interactive look at their desert environment. Please describe any experience you have teaching or working with children. What special talents/insights could you bring to our programs for children?

8. If you have not worked with children before, are you willing to interact with 4 to 12 year olds in an educational setting?  Yes  No

9. If asked, will you be able to handle a snake or mammal skin, bird feathers, or any other non-living animal specimens as part of an Outreach presentation or other program?  Yes  No

If yes, what restrictions would you place on working with such specimens?

10. What do you want to achieve through your service at the Park? What can we do for you?

## Agreement

*The mission of Tohono Chul Park is to enrich people's lives by providing them the opportunity to find peace and inspiration in a place of beauty, to experience the wonders of the Sonoran Desert, and to gain knowledge of the natural and cultural heritage of this region.*

Docents at Tohono Chul Park are urban desert interpreters, responsible for representing the Park both on- and off-site. A Tohono Chul Docent is the person more than all others who embodies the philosophy and purpose of the Park to the public. Therefore, it is important that the Docent understand this mission and, even more importantly, believe in it. An appreciation of the Park and the Sonoran Desert underlies the Docent's approach. Docents must acquire a confident understanding of the Park and an ability to communicate their knowledge creatively.

The primary duties of a Docent include conducting interpretive tours of the grounds and exhibits for all ages, presenting school programs, adult workshops, and children's summer and after-school programs. Docents also participate in a Speakers Bureau, taking slide presentations on a variety of desert topics to various community organizations.

Tohono Chul Park Docents shall

- maintain current membership in the Park (annual fee)
- successfully complete the Docent training course (fee)
- agree to contribute an average of 12 hours per month in interpretive/educational services for two years following completion of training
- complete 16 hours of continuing education each year by attending scheduled Docent meetings, exhibit orientations, and/or Park lectures, workshops or field trips
- provide visitors accurate information, and treat them with courtesy and respect
- be dependable and meet scheduled commitments
- I acknowledge that Tohono Chul's insurance will not cover me in the unlikely event of an accident or injury while volunteering. Tohono Chul's commercial general liability insurance covers claims against volunteers by third parties, but my own health and property insurance must cover any claims for bodily injury or loss or damage to personal property that might incur while volunteering with us.

As a prospective Docent, I understand and accept the responsibilities as outlined above. I agree to follow all guidelines and policies set by Tohono Chul Park. I understand that my involvement is in a voluntary capacity; therefore, the Park may release me from service at any time and I may resign from volunteering at any time.

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Name

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Date