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## **San Diego Natural History Museum is Recruiting Volunteers** **In-depth training programs given to all volunteers**

*San Diego, CA: July 13, 2009*—The San Diego Natural History Museum is now recruiting volunteers to serve as Docents, Canyoneers, and Museum Whalers—training in the natural history of San Diego starts in September. These volunteers are committed groups of individuals who bring the Museum’s message to school groups, the general public, and passengers onboard the Hornblower Whale & Dolphin Watching cruises. Each year, the Museum trains new volunteers through a combination of lectures, field trips, and practice sessions.

Janet Morris, Director of Volunteer/Intern Services states, “These volunteer programs reach over 70,000 people a year. The Docents bring the Museum to the schools and provide classes in the Museum; the Canyoneers lead free public hikes throughout the San Diego region; and the Museum Whalers educate whale-watching passengers on the wildlife of the San Diego coast. Each opportunity is unique and the training is specific to the skills required.”

To apply, go to the Museum’s website at [www.sdnhm.org](http://www.sdnhm.org), choose the Donate menu and then Volunteers. Complete an online application and receive an invitation to an upcoming orientation July 22, or August 6, 26. For additional information contact Janet Morris, Director of Volunteer/Intern Services at 619.255.0245.

The San Diego Natural History Museum, founded by a small group of citizen scientists in 1874, is “your nature connection” in beautiful Balboa Park. The Museum is open daily from 10 AM–5 PM, except for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Admission includes all exhibitions and films and is \$13 for adults; \$11 for seniors; \$8 for military, youth 13–17, students; \$7 for children 3–12; and always free for members. Phone: 619.232.3821. Website: [www.sdnhm.org](http://www.sdnhm.org).

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