

# Page Museum La Brea Tar Pits



## Laboratory Volunteer Information

The Research and Collections Staff of the Page Museum is always looking for conscientious people to work as volunteers in our "Fishbowl" laboratory. At present, volunteers are working on sorting *matrix* (asphaltic and earthen material encasing the fossils), and cleaning/repairing fossil bones found and collected on site here in Hancock Park.

No experience is necessary to be a volunteer at the Page Museum. We will train you as you go.

Our requirements are:

- You must be at least **16 years of age** (parental consent is required for ages 16 – 17). The minimum age is a legal requirement for the County's insurance policy.
- You **must give a minimum of eight (8) hours per week**. At the present time, we are open from 9:00am to 5:00pm seven days a week. The eight hours can be put in all in one day, or split between two days (four-hour shifts). Due to the number of volunteers, we must schedule volunteers to come on the same day and time each week.
- We ask for a **minimum three (3) month commitment**. It does take time to train volunteers, and if you cannot come in for more than a few weeks, it detracts (rather than adds) to the amount of work we are able to accomplish.
- Once the three month minimum (approx. 96 hours) has been met in the Lab, volunteers are then able to (upon assessed qualifications) join the Excavation Team in recovering fossils from the current site in Hancock Park.
- You must follow all rules and instructions. **The Museum reserves the right to terminate unsatisfactory volunteers.**

Unfortunately due to the nature of the work involved, we *cannot* make exceptions to these requirements. College and High School student may receive school credit for their work here, but that must be arranged by the individual and his/her counselor/instructor.

**Interviews and applications are available by appointment only. Please contact the Laboratory Supervisor Ms. Shelley Cox or her assistant Mr. Trevor Valle at: (323) 857-6300 x122, Wednesday through Sunday from 9:00am to 4:00pm for an appointment**

All volunteers must sign in and out at the security station located at the North staff entrance (closest to the parking lot).

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities with our Education Division, please contact the Education Office at (323) 857-6305, Monday through Friday, 1:00pm to 4:00pm.