



The Marine
Mammal Center

Life Support Systems and Facilities (LSSF) Volunteer

The Marine Mammal Center is a nonprofit veterinary research hospital and educational center with a mission to expand knowledge about marine mammals – their health and that of their ocean environment – and inspire their global conservation. The Marine Mammal Center is dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of ill and injured marine mammals – primarily elephant seals, harbor seals, and California sea lions. Since 1975, we've been headquartered in Sausalito, CA in the Marin Headlands within the Golden Gate National Parks, and have rescued and treated more than 15,000 marine mammals.

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Assist our Life Support Systems and Facilities staff with regular maintenance and repair duties including support of other TMMC department's daily operations. Assist in maintaining TMMC grounds, structures, and equipment. Assist with LSSF special projects which may include: painting, carpentry, repairs, etc. Must be able to work in an industrial work environment, including areas with low headroom, difficult access, ladders and heights. Must be able to work around and use hazardous chemicals with proper personal protective equipment. Must be able to lift and carry 50 lbs.

LSSF volunteers will be exposed to a wide variety of trade skills including painting, glazing, carpentry, and fabrication. Support will be provided by all members of the LSSF staff. Supervision will be provided by the LSSF lead and Director of Life Support and Facilities. Training will be provided on the job by LSSF staff and management. Personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary to safely fulfill LSSF volunteer duties will be provided by The Center as will any training necessary to use provided PPE.

Prefer a minimum commitment of one half day (4 hours) per week for a minimum of 1 year.

LSSF Volunteers will not work directly with The Center's automation and control system, electrical distribution equipment, security systems or lifting equipment unless specifically authorized by both the LSSF lead and Director of Life Support and Facilities. LSSF volunteers must sign a waiver as well as an acknowledgement of TMMC safety policies.

LSSF volunteers can expect to participate in projects that bring tangible proof of effort, a contribution to successful animal care, stranding, and educational operations, and the chance to expand their skill set by being exposed to specialized equipment and tasks.

LSSF volunteer applicants should submit a list of relevant experience (full resume is not necessary) and will undergo a screening interview with LSSF staff. Applicants must be approved by the Director of Life Support and Facilities.

For more information and to volunteer please contact the Director of Life Support and Facilities at promessit@tmmc.org or 415-289-7372.

Successful LSSF volunteers may be supplied with a letter of recommendation upon request.

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