



Sea Otter Savvy Volunteer Field Observer Application – 2024

Please provide the following information to be considered for this **volunteer** or **internship** position (circle one).

1. Name: First Last MI Pronouns

2. Mailing (street) address: _____

3. City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

4. Phone (*best place to call): home (_____)

cell (_____) work (_____)

Email (required) _____

5. Are you able to make a **6-month** commitment of 1 shift each week? • yes • no

• I do have a commitment I've made; I'll be away

• Sorry, I can't participate now and would like you to save my application for a later date.

6. Are you at least 18 years of age? • yes • no
Team members must be 18 or older to participate without a parent or guardian.

Have you reviewed the volunteer position protocol? • yes • no

7. Are you fully vaccinated against COVID 19? • yes • no

8. This can be a physically demanding position with lifting equipment, walking, standing, working in various kinds of weather, utilizing a telescope and other specialized equipment. Do you have any physical limitations that might hinder your ability to complete tasks as described in the job description?

yes no

9. Do you have a vehicle (car or truck) to transport yourself and the equipment to the different locations along the Central California coast? yes no

I can travel for shifts at these sites: Moss Landing Monterey Morro Bay Avila Beach

10. Do you have a cell phone for communicating with team members in the field? yes no

11. I am most interested in volunteer shifts related to (check all that apply):

Wildlife Disturbance Research Science Communication/Outreach Environmental Policy

12. Please check any of the following if they apply to you:

- I am proficient at using email, text messaging, Google Drive, and other digital basic tools. *Note:* all team members communicate primarily by texting and email. The ability to use these proficiently is an essential skill required this opportunity

- I'm a college student looking for experience

I attend _____

(name of college, university, school, major)

13. Please describe your experience with fieldwork (observing animals in the wild). Please be as detailed as you can and include experience with any field equipment used (binoculars, spotting scope, GPS, etc.) (attach additional sheet if needed):

14. Please list any courses you have completed in biology, behavioral ecology and/or animal behavior, natural history, science communication, environmental policy (additional sheet is fine):

15. Please describe any additional skills you bring to the program, such as experience interacting with/interpreting to the public (kids and/or adults), computer skills (specify all competencies: applications, data entry, web design), optical or other equipment maintenance, leadership, teaching, creative writing, photography etc. (attach additional sheet if needed):

16. What are you looking forward to most, if selected for this position?

17. What hobbies and activities do you enjoy?

18. Volunteers work on shifts at various times of day. Please indicate **all** shifts you are available and indicate preferences (list shifts **1** = preferred, **2** = second choice, **3** = third choice, etc.) Cross out any shift for which you are unavailable:

Shifts	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1st AM Variable between 7:00 AM and noon.							
2nd PM Variable between noon and 7:00 PM (exact hours may depend on season and available daylight)							

19. Is there another applicant or existing Sea Otter Savvy volunteer with whom you would like to partner? yes no If yes, list name(s)_____

20. Emergency Contact Info

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Return completed application to:
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