



The Marine
Mammal Center

Facilities and Equipment Volunteer

The Marine Mammal Center is a nonprofit veterinary research hospital and educational center guided by the shared vision of a healthy ocean. Our mission is to advance global ocean conservation through marine mammal rescue and rehabilitation, scientific research, and education. The Marine Mammal Center is dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of ill and injured marine mammals – primarily California sea lions, northern elephant seals, and pacific harbor seals. Our workforce of volunteers and staff work as one community, compassionate and respectful of each other as we work together to complete our mission.

Role Description:

The facilities and equipment volunteer is designed for those who wish to make a contribution to the Center's work by engaging in hands-on projects to help maintain and improve our facilities and equipment. The facilities volunteer will be provided with a list of (optional) facility and/or equipment projects to select and work on based on skill and interest. Projects will vary based on facility needs, and hours are very flexible to accommodate the volunteer's schedule.

Specific duties include:

- Conduct minor repairs or developments to building and/or equipment as needed and as skill in the particular project allows.
- Build or develop new equipment or facility items, such as repair of animal rescue carriers, repairing or creating animal rescue nets, and more.
- Help with other miscellaneous building or equipment projects.

Requirements:

- Attend a New Volunteer Orientation, to gain background on the Center's work.
- No specific prior experience required, but should be comfortable and enjoy working with tools and doing basic facility or equipment projects.
- Complete a volunteer application and background check.
- Commit to volunteering for a minimum of 6 months.
- Have own transportation to the Center.
- 18 and over.

Driving on behalf of The Marine Mammal Center:

Being eligible to drive *on behalf of The Marine Mammal Center* and be covered under the Center's insurance means that you can:

- Drive any of the Center's vehicles
- Transport patients (in any vehicle)
- Transport the Center's equipment (anything larger than a backpack) to or from a response, release or education or special event (in any vehicle)

- Run an errand on behalf of the Center (like retrieving live fish during an animal care shift; in any vehicle)
- Or transport any other Marine Mammal Center volunteer through a Center-organized carpool (in any vehicle).

In order to be considered eligible to drive on behalf of The Marine Mammal Center, volunteers must clear all four of these items:

- Be 21 years old or older,
- Complete the in-person Defensive Driving class (offered by the Center),
- Complete two online training modules and submit certificates of completion,
- And clear a motor vehicle report.

Whether or not you are eligible to drive *on behalf of the* Center, you may still drive in these “commuting” situations under your own driver’s and/or automobile insurance.

- When you drive yourself to and from the Center or any of our facilities in your own vehicle
- When you drive yourself to and from responses or an event in your own vehicle
- When you drive yourself between the Center’s facilities and/or rescue sites in your own vehicle
- When you drive for a privately-arranged carpool (not organized by the Center)

If interested, please fill out an application or contact volunteer@tmmc.org to learn more about this opportunity.