



East Contra Costa Historical Society & Museum

Become a Volunteer Docent at the Museum

Weekend Docents - Open and welcome visitors to the Museum on an informal basis. If they desire a more 'guided' visit, the Docent can provide that with the background information from the training session, plus items in the museum are labelled very well with lots of information!
The museum is open every Saturday and the third Sunday during months of April - October.

3rd grade Classroom Visit Docents (morning) -

Children are in four groups of 11-15 each group and tour the house (upstairs and downstairs) and outside in the toolshed and grounds area. A Docent in each area presents information to students. The Docent in each area would present the same information to each of the four groups. Tours are conducted 9:00-11:30. Docents are at the museum 8:45-12:00.



3rd grade Classroom Visit Docents (afternoon) –

Children are in three groups of 15-20 each and engage in outside activities: Chores (pumping water, washing clothes with washboards, gathering eggs), Games of the 1800's (sack races, hoop rolling, yoyos, etc), or One Room Schoolhouse (experience a lesson with slate and 'making manners'). A Docent is in charge of each activity and has 2-4 parent helpers who help with the activities. Activities take place 11:45-1:45. Docents are at the museum 11:30-2:00.



3rd grade Classroom Visits are scheduled on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays during April and May and throughout September and October.

Docents are encouraged to work at least 5 days, but some choose many more! With a team of Docents we are able to flexibly schedule days volunteers are interested in working.



All Docents attend an initial training session to gain background information about local history and the displays in the museum areas.

If you are interested in being a Docent for the 3rd grade Classroom Visits, we invite volunteers to also 'shadow' for a day or two to determine areas in which they would be interested.