

Fall 2016 Outreach/Community Service Opportunities at RTC

Any of these opportunities can fulfill required outreach/community service hours for the SF Bay Scholarship. Community service must be to the public (i.e. Coastal Cleanup Day, etc.), not internal (i.e. Gene Lab). Paid opportunities also do not qualify. Please go to www.rtc.sfsu.edu/grad_studies/grad_support for more info.

Celebrate the Coast

Saturday, September 17, 10am-2pm, Heart's Desire Beach, Tomales Bay State Park. Be the "Biologist on the Beach!" Share live organisms collected from the eelgrass & mud and answer questions about them, from visitors to the event. Minimal prep and equipment required. Contact Erin for more information and directions upon sign-up.

Bay Science Collaborative

Friday, September 30, 8am-6pm (in shifts), Bay Conference Center. Invitation-only symposium of Bay Area scientists, policymakers and managers. Numbers of volunteers needed, tasks, shifts and other details TBA.

Bay Area Science Festival Explorer Days

Thursday, October 27-Friday, November 4, exact date TBD. RTC will host tours of the labs for small groups of adults and families with children 9 and older. Volunteer to show or talk about your lab, or to facilitate the flow of visitors from place to place.

Rosenberg Institute Public Forum

Wednesday, November 9, 5-8pm, Bay Conference Center. Semiannual public forum featuring leading scientists presenting research of current interest. Help with check-in, ushering guests, serving on the Q&A panel, or other tasks to be determined.

Expanding Your Horizons

Saturday, November 19, at SF State, 8:15am-3:00pm. Teach or lead hands-on STEM activities related to your research for 6th-8th grade girls. Lunch and other goodies provided. Female presenters preferred.

Writing/Photo Projects and Social Media Updates

Ongoing as needed. We are always looking for help to write engaging, scientifically accurate content for the Bayside newsletter, our website (a blog is coming soon!), and social media platforms. If you have skills and interest in these areas, contact Erin with samples of your past work.

Other

Additional outreach opportunities such as RTC tours, career fairs, opportunities to teach marine science in teacher workshops or school programs, etc also come up on a regular basis, and will be posted in RTC weekly emails. All outreach activities should be coordinated through me, so **if you know of or are participating in any community event, please let me know**. I can assist you with brochures and other resources, and track your hours and # of people reached to measure our reach in the community. Also, **if you are presenting at a regional or national science conference or are starting an exciting new research project, please let me know**, so I can share it with our social media followers! Or better yet, share it yourself, mentioning @RTC_SFSU on Twitter or Romberg Tiburon Center, SF State on Facebook. Go to www.rtc.sfsu.edu to connect with all of our social media channels (Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube, LinkedIn...).

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What are the steps to getting involved in outreach at Romberg Tiburon Center?

1. Do you want to do outreach and/or community service?
 - a. Yes (go to 2)
 - b. No (stop. We hope you change your mind! Let Erin know if there is anything she can do to help)

2. Do you want an SF Bay Scholarship?
 - a. Yes (go to 3)
 - b. No (go to 4)

3. Go to sfsu.academicworks.com to set up a profile and see if you meet the requirements
 - a. Yes? (go to 4)
 - b. No? You can still do outreach for great CV builders! (go to 4 anyway)

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4. Review Community Service opportunities at rtc.sfsu.edu/grad_studies/grad_support or hard copy
 - a. See opportunities that match your schedule and interests? Great! (go to 5)
 - b. No? That's ok, more will come, or perhaps you have other ideas (go to 5 anyway)

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5. Contact Erin Blackwood to discuss your choices and/or ideas (call, email or meet in person)
 - a. Did you want an SF Bay Scholarship? (go to 6)
 - b. No? (go to 7)

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6. Submit your scholarship application through Academic Works, including your choices for outreach (tbd is ok)

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7. Go to SignUp.com to sign up for your choices at the group page at <http://signup.com/go/NL6smn>