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## Butterfly Pavilion Volunteers Wanted at SB Museum of Natural History

A unique opportunity to connect people to nature this summer

(Santa Barbara, CA – May 11, 2021) The Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History is currently recruiting volunteers 18 years and older to help facilitate its popular <u>Butterflies Alive!</u> summer exhibit from May 28 through September 6. Volunteers who commit to at least one three-hour shift per week will have the opportunity to spend the summer surrounded by graceful, fluttering butterflies, while safely sharing the experience with Museum guests.

Butterfly Pavilion duty is a life-affirming and fun activity for people looking to re-enter public spaces and reboot their social lives. Volunteers quickly make friends during their summer shifts, and many come back year after year to enjoy the unique experience.

Volunteer training offers a chance to learn about dozens of butterfly species and their importance to the environment. Volunteers put their new expertise to work, engaging guests in learning that also helps control the safe flow of people through the garden filled with nearly 1,000 butterflies. They also encourage visitors to stop by the emergence chamber in the Santa Barbara Gallery to see butterflies emerge from their chrysalides.

The Museum is looking for volunteers from a variety of ages and backgrounds to better serve its diverse audience. Interested adults are encouraged to visit <u>sbnature.org/volunteer</u> for more information. Bilingual English/Spanish volunteers are especially encouraged to apply!

Returning Museum or Sea Center volunteers are welcome to contact Volunteer Manager Rebecca Fagan Coulter directly at <a href="mailto:rcoulter@sbnature2.org">rcoulter@sbnature2.org</a> or 805-682-4711 ext. 107.

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## About the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

Powered by Science. Inspired by Nature. Founded in 1916, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History inspires a thirst for discovery and a passion for the natural world. The Museum connects people to nature for the betterment of both.







Friendly volunteers greet guests and teach them about a variety of butterfly species.