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Volunteers Wanted for Woods Hole Science Aquarium

The Woods Hole Science Aquarium (WHSA) is looking for volunteers to help care for animals in the aquarium collection. Volunteers help prepare food, clean tanks, feed animals, and work on special projects such as updating exhibit signs. WHSA volunteers may also help care for stranded sea turtles that are rehabilitated over the winter and released in the summer.

“This is hands-on work, and it sometimes involves getting wet or dirty and smelling fishy,” said Rachel Metz, WHSA senior aquarist who supervises volunteers. “The aquarium staff appreciates our volunteers and we enjoy training and teaching. Volunteering is an opportunity to learn about aquarium operations and marine animals.”

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and must be able to work two-to-four hours, one morning or afternoon per week, for a minimum of four months. Flexible schedules are available. Anyone who might be interested in volunteering is invited to e-mail or telephone Rachel Metz at Rachel.Metz@noaa.gov or 508-495-2098.

The WHSA is open to the public five days a week, year round. The aquarium collection includes approximately 140 species of marine animals, including two harbor seals.

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