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MMAM Searching for Tour Guides

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In 2024, the Minnesota Marine Art Museum (MMAM) will re-launch an updated school field trip program where teachers can customize an onsite museum experience perfect for their students. MMAM is currently looking for school field trip tour guides to help the museum welcome more than 2000 students from the Winona community and beyond.

This spring MMAM will offer a free docent training class, where museum staff will train and support new volunteer tour guides to lead museum field trip experiences for pre-K through 6th grade students. Leading field trips at MMAM has many benefits, including developing your sense of belonging and purpose, learning museum teaching techniques for elementary students, building your resume, connecting with kid culture, and cultivating your personal art knowledge. Additionally, docents will be offered compensation in the amount of \$20 for each school field trip that they lead.

“Kids are so exciting. It feels good to introduce them to an art museum and see their reactions and enthusiasm!” said one current MMAM tour guide. “You do not have to be an artist, or an art expert to lead tours. People skills are more important, and it is such a rewarding job.”

The Engagement team at MMAM will be holding an informational meeting at the museum on Thursday, January 4, 2024 from 10AM - 11AM for people to learn more about this opportunity and ask questions. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to register for the session online at MMAM.org or by calling 507-474-6626.

Those that commit to becoming a docent will be required to attend a ten class training session to be held in February and March of 2024. Classes are two hours long. Docents are asked to

lead a minimum of six tours a year and attend monthly meetings after their initial training. For more information, go to mmam.org/docent-class-of-2024.

The Minnesota Marine Art Museum is a nonprofit art museum that engages visitors in meaningful art experiences that explore our ongoing relationship with water. Located in Winona, Minnesota, the purpose-built museum is located on the banks of the Mississippi River and boasts six galleries, an educational and events space, and a destination retail shop on its seven acre riverside campus. It is through this surprising diversity that MMAM is not only describing what marine art is, but pushing the boundaries of what marine art can be.

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Photo caption: MMAM docent Gayle Garrity explores the gyotaku fish prints of Dwight Hwang with a school group.