

## **Docents Needed to Lead Tours at San Mateo County Parks, Museums**

The San Mateo County History Museum will be conducting a FREE docent orientation session for volunteers interested in helping lead tours at the San Mateo County Museum (2200 Broadway, Redwood City), Woodside Store (3300 Tripp Road, Woodside) and the Sanchez Adobe (1000 Linda Mar Blvd., Pacifica). This instructional program will take place at the Woodside Store on October 14, 2017 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. To sign-up or for further information call 650-299-0104 x231 or email [education@historysmc.org](mailto:education@historysmc.org). After accepting a docent position, the volunteer commitment is four hours per month. Needed at the Sanchez Adobe and Woodside Store are volunteers willing to work on weekends to hold these historic sites open for the public. Weekday volunteers can help lead school groups at the History Museum. The training session will include an introduction to docenting techniques and a brief historical overview of San Mateo County History as represented by the museums operated by the Historical Association in context to larger themes of California and Western History. Specific instruction will follow after the volunteer decides at which venue they have determined to spend time. About the museums: The San Mateo County History Museum is located within the 107-year-old "Old Courthouse" in Redwood City. It features exhibits related to the use of natural resources, suburban development, ethnic experience and entrepreneurial achievement on the Peninsula from the time of the Ohlone Indian through today. The Museum is open every day except Monday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Built in 1854, the Woodside Store operated as a country store, post office and community center until the 1909 death of its owner, Dr. R.O. Tripp. Hands-on school programs allow children to launder clothes, using a washboard and wringer, saw wood and make a wooden shingle. The store is FREE to the public and open Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from noon until 4 p.m. Francisco Sanchez, owner of Rancho San Pedro and one-time mayor of San Francisco, constructed the Sanchez Adobe between 1842 and 1846. Hands-on school programs explore life in the 1800s. Children can experience life on a California ranch as they grind corn, make adobe bricks and dip candles. The Sanchez Adobe is FREE to the public and open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.