Our students had so much fun learning about the diversity of species in the ocean and the importance of conservation. For many of our students, this was their first time leaving San Jose, let alone seeing the ocean. These types of experiences are important for the growth of our students and community. These experiences show our students that there is a much larger world out there, and that they have many options for their lives.

Julie Arroyo, Ocala STEAM Academy

Environmental Volunteers is one of the leading programs nationally. The main message is: our actions matter.

Lori Mann, North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE)

Next Steps
See the EV in Action

- Visit the EcoCenter
- Observe a classroom program
- Go on an EV field trip
- Participate in a community event at the EcoCenter
- Meet our Executive Director
- Have coffee with some of our board members

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Why Join the EV Board of Directors

- Impact natural science education in local schools, with an emphasis on our underserved communities
- Help create student and adult environmental stewards
- Play an active role in influencing the direction of the Environmental Volunteers
- Be part of a very talented and interesting team that has shared values

I enjoy the great sense of humor, the commitment to the mission and the health of the organization, the joyful approach to the work we do, the creativity of the board members, and the great combination of talent in the room.

–Environmental Volunteers Board Member

Environmental Volunteers Mission
To promote the understanding of and responsibility for the environment through hands-on science education.

Environmental Volunteers Vision
That all people will learn about and be inspired by the natural world so that they become responsible stewards of the Earth. We achieve this by:

- Providing hands-on science education in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties through school programs, community programs, and at the Eco Center
- Encouraging awareness of the interrelationships between people and nature
- Fostering an attitude of stewardship for the environment
- Providing knowledge and skills to children so they can make informed decisions about the environment

Environmental Volunteers Board Responsibilities

Environmental Volunteers Board of Directors provides long-term strategic planning for the organization, fiscal oversight, and support for the professional staff. Our board culture is collegial, friendly, and respectful. We honor diversity of opinions but once the board votes on a matter, we unite and speak with one voice. Responsibilities are:

- Actively participate at board meetings and engage in thoughtful, mutually respectful debate. Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 5:30-7:00 pm in Palo Alto. The board typically meets nine months per year.
- Join at least one board committee or serve in a special capacity. Board committee work is where most board members spend the majority of their time, where they are most engaged, and where they derive the most satisfaction.
- Contribute ideas and partake in thoughtful conversations at the annual strategic planning retreat
- Observe at least one classroom service or field trip per year.
- Participate in/ support fundraising campaigns and events.
- Commit to making an annual financial contribution to the EV. The amount is one that is significant, yet comfortable for each board member.