

**Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary  
Coastal Discovery Center  
at San Simeon Bay**



*"The interface of land and sea is unique, drawing people for its rich bounty, economic opportunity, recreation and inspiration. Protection of these special palaces preserves them for use and enjoyment for generations to come."*

*–Mission Statement, Interpretive Planning Team*

**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR COASTAL DISCOVERY CENTER**

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**DOCENT TRAINING 2006:**

The first training session will be in June 2006. The training schedule is as follows:

June 17: 10 am – 4 pm

June 21: 6 pm – 9 pm

June 24: 10 am – 4 pm

June 28: 6 pm – 9 pm

July 15: 2 pm – 5 pm

A one-year commitment of at least one 4 hour shift per month is required. State Parks docents will receive State Parks docent credit for hours of training and volunteering at the Coastal Discovery Center.

In 2004, the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) and the San Luis Obispo Coast District of California State Parks (State Parks) began development of a cooperative use plan for an existing building at William Randolph Hearst Memorial State Beach at San Simeon. The facility's primary function is interpretation, education and outreach about natural and cultural resources in coastal California, from Cambria to Big Sur. The building includes office space that serves as the MBNMS southern region office and a small meeting/training area.

The theme of the facility is "Connecting Land and Sea." Educational programs for school groups and adults will be developed to enhance the exhibits. Fabrication has begun on the exhibits, and completion is expected in July 2006. A grand opening event is tentatively set for July 22, 2006.