

**Volunteer Job Description**  
Rookery Bay NERR Volunteer Program

**Job Title:** Team Ocean Volunteer

**Supervisor(s):** Program Coordinator

**Location:** Keewaydin Island and other locations in the reserve

**Project Duration:** Ongoing; 4-5 hours per day volunteered, prefer at least 2 days per month

**Description of Duties:**

Talk with visitors to islands, pick up trash, and maintain postings and walkways. Included duties:

- Greet visitors and inform them that they are in Rookery Bay Reserve
- Answer questions about Rookery Bay and Keewaydin Island and provide friendly guidance regarding the rules that apply on the island
- Pick up trash, ranging from mostly small items to larger marine debris
- Repair nesting bird postings (April-August) and maintain crossover walks on Keewaydin Island
- Prepare boat for departure, clean boat upon return, log engine hours, and follow all safety rules and boating regulations

**Benefits to Volunteer:**

- Learn about Rookery Bay and its natural resources
- Help maintain and preserve Rookery Bay for the future
- Meet like-minded people from a variety of backgrounds
- Spend time outdoors in a beautiful setting

**Goal/Outcome of Job:**

- Assist in stewardship of Keewaydin Island and promote positive public image of Rookery Bay to boaters using the island

**Knowledge/Skills/Experience Desired:**

- Knowledge of Rookery Bay, natural history, and local issues helpful
- Friendly and willing attitude in engaging visitors in conversation, answering questions, and offering information
- Experience operating or being around boats (for those wishing to be boat operators)

**Special Requirements:**

Volunteers are expected to attend a 1.5 hour classroom training at the Environmental Learning center. Afterwards, volunteers will accompany the program coordinator, other staff, and experienced volunteers to receive on-the-job training. Volunteers should also spend some additional time familiarizing themselves with Rookery Bay and some basic information about coastal environments and Keewaydin Island. Volunteers wishing to operate boats will complete additional training, including an online boating course. On the job, volunteers should be prepared to spend several hours outside in varying weather conditions, including hot sun, often working independently of Rookery Bay staff. They should therefore be reasonably fit and highly reliable and responsible.