

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

**Job Title:** Turtle Nesting Monitor

**Supervisor(s):** Volunteer Coordinator, Environmental Specialist

**Location:** Kice and Cape Romano Islands

**Project Duration:** Ongoing May - Sept Hours / Week: 4-6 Hours/ Month: 20-30

**Description of Duties:**

Volunteer will assist Resource Management in the monitoring of sea turtle nests within Rookery Bay. Specific duties include:

- Following directions of various staff to complete specific tasks
- Helping staff to gather material and place on the boat
- Building of cages to protect nests from predators
- Walking the beach searching for fresh nests and picking up any trash found
- Recording data and filling out paperwork
- Excavating nest to determine how many hatched and why others might have not
- Posting of signs
- Miscellaneous duties as directed by staff as related to sea turtle nest caging and monitoring

**Benefits to volunteer:**

- Increased knowledge of sea turtles and how they reproduce
- Personal satisfaction in doing an enjoyable activity
- Developing working relationships with staff and new friends
- Personal satisfaction in contributing to the success of a NERR
- Personal satisfaction in contributing to the saving of an endangered species

**Goal/Outcomes of Job:**

- Aide in the protection of various endangered sea turtles, while collecting data that might give us greater understanding of them

**Knowledge/ Skills/Experience Desired:**

- Ability to function in the hot summer sun
- Agility in getting on and off boats in heavy surf
- Knowledge of sea turtles helpful
- Willingness to take direction and have good listening skills

**Special Requirements:**

Volunteer must attend sea turtle training and will be expected to commit to service for at least 10 dates during the summer. Volunteer must be able to lift 40 lbs, enjoy getting dirty, and digging in the sand. Professionalism, reliability, and trustworthiness will be required.