

Long Beach Water Ambassadors

Making a difference through education and outreach

The Long Beach Water Ambassador Program was originally formed in 1998 to expand the Department's community involvement and outreach. Through extensive public education programs and community outreach developed, this group of dedicated volunteers continues to provide a vital service to not only the Department, but also the entire city and its ratepayers.

This volunteer opportunity is extremely adaptable and user friendly. Prior experience in water is not a requirement -- you will only need the desire to volunteer and the means in which to do so.

Our volunteers meet once a month to discuss the upcoming events and schedule assignments. There are no time requirements - you sign up for events and education visits according to your own schedule.

This program's focus is education. Highlighting water conservation, the water cycle, and current issues, our Ambassadors visit local schools, the Aquarium of the Pacific, and many civic events. The same fun and educational activities are also available to boys and girls clubs and scout troops. We will come to you!

One of the more popular activities is participating in our poster contest. Children of all ages submit posters into our contest where, if picked as a finalist, receive educational prizes and have their artwork featured in our Water is Life Poster Calendar. In addition, the winning artwork is featured on our web page and displayed throughout our Administration Building.

Community Outreach and Public Education are the other key components with this program. The Ambassadors attend many civic events to provide up-to-date information about water and the Water Department. Some of the events we attend are the quarterly Long Beach Water Department sponsored Beach Clean up events, Earth Day at the Aquarium of the Pacific, LBUSD Science Fair, and CPR Saturday through the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

If you, or someone you know, are considering your options as to how you can give back to your community, please consider this program. There is no better time than the present and we welcome you to contact us to see how you can become involved with this program.

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