



Trinidad Coastal Ambassador Program & Training

October 2021

Program Training Description

The Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (TCLT) is dedicated to providing coastal access while protecting the natural beauty and character of the Humboldt County Coast from Little River to Big Lagoon. Community involvement and volunteer leadership is fundamental to the success of this mission, as a small non-profit. The Trinidad Coastal Ambassador Program training will introduce participants to the various programs that TCLT offers to the community, as well as the natural wonders of Trinidad's coastline, and prepare them to be volunteer Ambassadors, by stepping into leadership roles. Ambassadors will be trained in how to contribute to events such as Stewardship Work Days (invasive species removal, property and beach clean-ups, and trail maintenance on TCLT properties), our Public Education walks, and other outreach and education efforts. This training is free of charge and includes two weekend field trips and one weekday evening zoom session led by environmental scientists, land managers, and graduated Ambassadors. The goal of this training is to foster a community of Ambassadors, or advocates, dedicated to the stewardship of Trinidad who are eager to lead volunteer workdays, and assist on guided walks and public outreach events.

Program and Training Requirements

- Training participants are expected to join all three sessions to be a graduated Ambassador. If you have to miss a session, accommodations can be made.
- Participants should have access to online Zoom sessions, be able to transport themselves to Trinidad, be able to walk on steep trails, and participate in light manual labor.
- Either purchase a hard copy or be able to access a free digital Coastal Naturalist Guidebook (we will make available to you.) Participants must complete the short designated readings listed in the schedule before that session.
- Graduated Ambassadors are expected to volunteer for approximately 3 hours a month (depending on opportunities available). Volunteer opportunities include leading or assistant leading a workday, participating in a workday, leading or assistant leading public guided walks, and other education, outreach, or stewardship events.

“Homework”

We are giving participants free access to an online PDF version of our Coastal Naturalist Guidebook. Please read each short designated Section before our meetings as they will enrich your learning experience.

For additional information, questions, or concerns, don't hesitate to **email Michelle at michelle@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org** or call at **415-717-183**.



Week	Topic	Date	Time	Location	Details	Instructor	Readings
1	Volunteer Orientation	Sunday, Oct 17	12-1pm	TCLT Office	Introduction to TCLT, Trinidad Coastal Ambassador Program training, and to each other.	Michelle Kunst & Carol Vander Meer	Naturalist Guidebook (NG): Introduction, Geology of Trinidad Headlands, & Cultural History
	Lichen Walk		1-2:30pm	Parker Creek Trail	Take a stroll with certified California Naturalist Loriel to explore the tiny world of lichens.	Loriel Caverley	
	Geology of Trinidad		3-4:30pm	Trinidad State Beach	Geologist Danny O'Shea will take participants on a journey through geologic time to learn about the rocky make up of the Trinidad coast.	Danny O'Shea	
	Yurok History		4:30-5:30pm	Seascape Restaurant & Trinidad Pier	We will learn from Shirley about the origins of the Trinidad Rancheria and their relationship with the Land. We'll finish off with a gift of clam chowder and desserts from the Seascape Restaurant.	Shirley Laos	
2	Pinnipeds of the CCNM	Tuesday, Oct 19	6-6:45pm	Zoom	Claire will share with us the wonders of pinnipeds on the Northcoast.	Claire Nasr	NG: Mammals & Flora, Interpretive Techniques & Appendix 4
	Interpretation & Leadership		6:45-7:30pm	Zoom	Michelle will cover the basics of interpretation and tips and techniques of facilitating a group.	Michelle Kunst	
3	Stewardship Ambassador Work Day	Saturday, Oct 30	9-12:30pm	Trinidad Lighthouse	How to lead a Stewardship Work Day.	Michelle Kunst	Shared Drive: TCLT Factsheet & Work Day Introduction Checklist