

## **Welcome to the Rush Ranch Docent Training!**

**Goal:** At the conclusion of the docent training series, participants will feel confident and prepared to lead fun, engaging, and accurate nature walks at Rush Ranch. Together we will have created a supportive team that is ready to help each other teach about the marsh and other habitats at Rush Ranch. Participants who attend some, but not all, of the classes will learn more about Rush Ranch and be inspired to search out even more information.

### **Notes:**

Light refreshments, including healthy snacks and coffee, will be provided during the evening classes.

To become a certified “Solano Land Trust Rush Ranch Docent”, you must attend all four sessions. Others are welcome to join one or more sessions. If you haven’t already done so, please RSVP to Natalie Dumont, ‘volunteer@SolanoLandTrust.org’ or 707-432-0150 X200.

### **Agenda:**

#### **Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 to 8 PM**, Rush Ranch Nature Center

Rush Ranch’s Tidal Marsh

Introductions – programs, people, and docent skills

Presentation about marshes, and Rush Ranch’s marsh in particular

#### **Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 to 8 PM**, Rush Ranch Nature Center

Perfect Plants: Getting to know the most exciting plants at Rush Ranch

Perfect Plants Presentation

Outdoor exploration, including teaching/feedback opportunity

#### **Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**2 to 5 PM**, Rush Ranch Nature Center

Nature Hike!

Demonstration nature walk, including opportunity for feedback

Draft and share Walk Plans

Draft summer/fall schedule

#### **Thursday, June 23<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 to 8 PM**, Rush Ranch Nature Center

Amazing (or, at least, amazingly common) Animals of Rush Ranch

Amazing Animals Presentation

Outdoor exploration, including observation activities

Review Walk Plans, finalize schedule