

Tammy Saunders: Naturalist

Tammy Saunders brings a wealth of experience in environmental education, starting her journey in 2000 as a Naturalist at the Toledo Metroparks. There, she devoted herself to a variety of initiatives, including programs for preschoolers, summer camps, as well as educational activities tailored for individuals with special needs. Throughout her tenure at Toledo Metroparks, Tammy achieved her Certified Interpretive Guide (CIG) accreditation through the National Association for Interpretation.

Her academic journey includes an Associate of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education and a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, with a concentration in Environmental Education, from the University of Toledo. Relocating to the Bay Area in 2015, Tammy took on the role of Camp Manager at Richardson Bay Audubon Sanctuary. Later, after moving to Napa, she became a part-time Park Ranger for the City of Napa, contributing to the early stages of their Park Ranger Program. In 2021, she embraced the position of Education Coordinator for Napa-Solano Audubon, focusing on educating 4th and 5th graders about avian biodiversity and wildlife conservation.

In 2023, aiming to specialize her expertise in Californian environmental issues, Tammy completed the California Naturalist program offered by the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources, earning her certification as a California Naturalist. This latest accomplishment underscores her ongoing commitment to environmental education and her desire to make a meaningful impact on conservation efforts in California.