



# Summer Camp Science Guide 2024

## **Overview and Outcomes**

Are you a high school student who likes math and science? Do you like to engage with kids? Would you like to gain public speaking and leadership experience while learning? Then join our amazing team as a Summer Camp Science Guide!

The Science Museum of Virginia will host nine weeks of STEM camps with the following themes: *Animal Adventures*, *Space Survival*, *STEM Surprise*, *Mess Fest* and *Maker Magic* (2 weeks of each theme except for *STEM Surprise*). We are looking for enthusiastic high school volunteers to help us facilitate these.

While working with our summer camps, Camp Science Guides will gain experience and skills key to careers in teaching, museums, and the nonprofit world, such as program development and informal education techniques for kids ages 6-12.

## **Summer Camp Science Guide duties include:**

- Creating a welcoming, friendly, supportive environment for campers and their parents
- Helping to ensure campers' safety and acting as a role model and mentor
- Facilitating games
- Assisting camp staff with daily activities
- Presenting science content in a camp setting
- Helping set up before and cleaning up after activities
- Solving problems
- Communicating well with other camp counselors
- Organizing materials
- Other duties as assigned

## **Qualifications:**

- Enrolled in high school and 14-18 years of age.
- Able to stand for long periods of time.
- Outgoing, enthusiastic, creative, energetic.
- Must have patience and enjoy children.
- Strong interest in math and science preferred.
- Ability to take and follow direction and adhere to museum policies.
- Enjoy learning new information and sharing it in an age appropriate, interesting, accurate, fun and educational manner.

- Demonstrate maturity, common sense, flexibility, and reliability.
- Ability to work independently while following supervisor's instructions and guidance.

### **Commitment**

Summer Camp shifts are weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Full days are encouraged. Must commit to a minimum of 120 hours.

**Camp sessions are Monday – Friday, June 17 – August 16. STEM Surprise is July 1 –3.**

Candidates must commit to participating in any/all training sessions associated with the position. This includes one week of training June 10 – 14.

### **Location**

Science Museum of Virginia, 2500 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23200-2054

### **To apply:**

Candidate must submit all of the following to be considered for an internship:

- [Online Camp Science Guide application](#)
- Cover letter addressing your interest in the position
- One non-related adult reference

Please have your cover letter and adult reference information ready to include in your online application.

**Questions?** Please contact Jared Strawderman, Volunteer Coordinator, [jstrawderman@smv.org](mailto:jstrawderman@smv.org) or 804-864-1514