



Gallery Education Volunteer

Volunteer Job Description

Description: Gallery Education Volunteers bring passion, skills, and special talents to work closely with Museum staff to provide a quality, fun, engaging, inclusive, science experience for Museum guests - encouraging and assisting them as they interact with exhibits and in labs.

Responsibilities:

- Work closely with Create a welcoming, friendly, supportive environment for Museum guests of all ages
- Engage guests of all ages with amazing science content, stories, and activities as they explore the Museum
- Assist Museum Staff with sanitizing Museum exhibits per CDC regulations
- Work in Speed, Boost!, Travelling Exhibits, and other Museum areas interpreting content
- Engage guests with tabletop science activities
- Monitor busy exhibits – make sure guests are taking turns, wearing masks, and social distancing as well as using equipment properly
- Greet guests as they arrive, assisting guests as they pick up their tickets
- Direct guests to other exhibits, staff members, volunteers or resources which can provide additional information
- Work in our exhibits and encourage guests to try the “hands-on” exhibits and activities. Explain or demonstrate the best way to operate them

Qualifications:

- An enthusiastic, out-going personality and a desire to work with people of all ages
- Enjoy engaging in conversation about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) topics
- Knowledge of or willingness to learn about science, technology, engineering and math
- Willingness to initiate interactions with strangers
- Ability to work with little supervision
- Dependable and responsible
- Flexibility and patience
- All volunteers must agree to and sign the Volunteer Agreement and the Health and Safety Agreement.
- All volunteers over the age of 18 must undergo a background check before onboarding.

Training: All volunteers must attend one of the scheduled orientations. More in-depth departmental training will begin on your first scheduled day.

Minimum Age: 14

Time Commitment/Hours:

Must be able to commit to a consistent, regular schedule (once a week or once every other week) for a minimum of six months.

Preferred Shift times:

- 9:00am-1:00pm and 1:00-5:00pm 5 days/week

Additional Opportunities for Gallery Education Exhibit Interpreters who have demonstrated a long-term commitment include (may require additional training):

Demonstration Presenter

Learn to present hands on, tabletop experiments (MELAs or Museum Educator Led Activities). Sample experiments include such topics as density, sound, fluid dynamics, chemistry, force and motion, space exploration and more.

Speed Specialists

Focus on all aspects of the SPEED exhibit, including the SR-71 Blackbird. Like all Exhibit Interpreter Volunteers, they want to share their passion and interest and feel comfortable initiating conversations with guests of all ages.

Lightplace Assistant

LightPlace is a gallery space for children ages 0-5. LightPlace Assistants enjoy working and interacting with very young children, gently helping as they explore the area around them as well as reading to them. LightPlace volunteers also assist in making sure the area is clean and monitor that older children are not in the area.