Volunteer Position Description

Position Title: Discovery Camp Counselor-In Training (CIT)

Department: Museum Programs

Position Summary:
Discovery Camp is a co-ed summer day camp at The Franklin Institute. The goal is to get campers excited about science and to nurture their spirit of inquiry and discovery. Campers are grouped based on the grade level they are entering (typically Pre-K, K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8). CITs work directly with the campers in their classrooms, providing teaching support to the Camp Counselors and ensuring the physical and emotional well being of all campers. CIT’s should also be willing to assist with organizing and distributing camp supplies.

Special Skills Required:
All CITs must be proactive, reliable, and have an interest in working with children. They should possess a high level of maturity, a positive attitude, along with strong communication and leadership skills. A desire to continue in the fields of science and/or education is preferred.

There are two CIT categories: New and Returning CITs

New CITs:
- Assist campers with projects done in the classroom
- Help engage campers and keep them focused
- Run errands for the counselors as necessary
- Prepare materials

Returning CITs:
Returning CITs who demonstrated the skills required to fulfill the CIT role will assist with the functions required of all New CITs and will also:
- Support counselors and other CITs in monitoring and facilitating extended care activities
- Assist counselors in maintaining order in the classroom, as well as during special presentations and field trips
- Develop and implement extended care activities

Schedule Requirements:
- All CITs must be available for at least 3 full camp sessions (one week each). Please see The Franklin Institute website for session dates and themes http://www2.fi.edu/programs/discovery-camp/
- Volunteer shifts are 8 hours each day, Monday-Friday, and can be any preferred times between 8:00 am-5:30 pm, i.e. 8:30 am-4:30 pm
- All CIT’s will receive a 45-minute lunch break

Orientation and Training Dates:
- Orientation for New CITs- Sunday, May 21 from 1:00-5:00 pm
- Orientation for Returning CIT’s- None
- DC Skills Training for New & Returning CIT’s- Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm; lunch will be provided