Volunteer Position Description

Position Title: Science Presenter

Department: Museum Programs

Position Summary:
The Science Presenter’s primary responsibility is to interpret and present hands-on, interactive science activities to visitors. Science Presenters will also offer educational support in the museum’s exhibits. Additionally, Science Presenters will practice excellent customer service, interpersonal communication, and public speaking skills, while expanding visitor exposure to science learning.

Science Presenter job functions include:
- Staff interactive cart activities on a variety of science-related topics.
- Provide educational support in museum exhibits.
- Support and advance the mission of the Franklin Institute by engaging with visitors in inquiry-based interactions.
- Attend scheduled sessions, study materials provided and be prepared to interpret this material at assigned stations.
- Assist visitors in finding their way throughout the Museum, answering visitor questions and challenging inappropriate visitor behavior.
- Be happy, helpful, and courteous to all visitors, staff and fellow volunteers.
- Attend assigned cart or exhibit areas on time.
- General housekeeping and upkeep of department equipment and materials.
- Report problems to supervisor.
- Perform all assigned tasks.

Special Skills Required:
- Background in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) field preferred. In lieu of STEM background, current Franklin Institute volunteers who have completed 6 months in the Exhibit Facilitator role may join the Science Presenter team
- Interest in science and the mission of The Franklin Institute
- Enthusiasm for teaching the public
- Good communication skills
- Reliable and punctual, with good attendance
- Positive attitude
- Hard-working
- Able to work well with children
- Courteous
- Ability to accept direct supervision
- Must be physically able to be active for long periods of time

Schedule Requirements:
Interested applicants must be able to commit to weekly or bi-weekly volunteering for a minimum of 100 hours of service. Available volunteers shifts:

- Mon-Fri: 9-2 or 1-5
- Sat-Sun: 9-2 or 1-5

Volunteer applicants must also be able to commit to one of the following training schedules:
2015 Science Presenter Volunteer Training Dates:

TEAM Capricorn
- Group Interviews: December 7 & 10, 2014 – 3:00 pm
- Orientation: Sunday, January 4, 2015- 9:30 am-4:00 pm
  Trainings on Sunday: 2:00-5:00 pm
- Training 1: Sunday, January 11
- Training 2: Sunday, January 25
- Training 3: Sunday, February 8
- Training 4: Sunday, February 22
- Training 5: Sunday, March 8
- Training 6: Sunday, March 15

TEAM Gemini
- Group Interviews: May 17 & 20 – 3:00 pm
- Orientation: Sunday, May 31- 9:30 am-4:00 pm
  Trainings on Sunday: 2:00-5:00 pm
- Training 1: Sunday, June 7
- Training 2: Sunday, June 14
- Training 3: Sunday, June 28
- Training 4: Sunday, July 12
- Training 5: Sunday, July 26
- Training 6: Sunday, August 2

TEAM Virgo
- Group Interviews: July 19 & 22 – 3:00 pm
- Orientation: Sunday, August 9- 9:30 am-4:00 pm
- Trainings on Saturday: 2:00-5:00 pm
- Training 1: Saturday, August 22
- Training 2: Saturday, August 29
- Training 3: Saturday, September 12
- Training 4: Saturday, October 3
- Training 5: Saturday, October 10
- Training 6: Saturday, October 24

TEAM Scorpio
- Group Interviews: October 7 & 1 - 3:00 pm
- Orientation: Sunday, October 25 – 9:30am-4:00pm
  Trainings on Saturday: 2:00-5:00 pm
- Training 1: Saturday, October 31
- Training 2: Saturday, November 14
- Training 3: Saturday, November 21
- Training 4: Saturday, December 5
- Training 5: Saturday, December 19
- Training 6: Saturday, January 2

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