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 Franklin Institute’s mission (In the spirit of inquiry and discovery embodied by Benjamin Franklin, the mission of The Franklin Institute is to inspire a passion for learning about science and technology.)
- 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

Clearance Requirements: This position involves direct contact with children. Volunteers must meet background clearance requirements before they can begin.

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:
2016 Science Presenter Volunteer Training Dates:

TEAM Aquarius
- Group Interviews: December 9 & 13, 2015 – 3:00 pm
- Orientation: Sunday, January 10, 2016- 9:30 am-4:00 pm
  Trainings on Saturdays: 2:00-5:00 pm
- Training 1: Saturday, January 16
- Training 2: Saturday, January 30
- Training 3: Saturday, February 6
- Training 4: Saturday, February 20
- Training 5: Saturday, March 5
- Training 6: Saturday, March 12

TEAM Leo
- Group Interviews: May 18 & 22 – 3:00 pm
- Orientation: Sunday, June 5- 9:30 am-4:00 pm
  Trainings on Saturdays: 2:00-5:00 pm
- Training 1: Saturday, June 11
- Training 2: Saturday, June 25
- Training 3: Saturday, July 9
- Training 4: Saturday, July 16
- Training 5: Saturday, July 30
- Training 6: Saturday, August 6

TEAM Pisces
- Group Interviews: July 17 & 20 – 3:00 pm
- Orientation: Sunday, August 7- 9:30 am-4:00 pm
  Trainings on Saturdays: 2:00-5:00 pm
- Training 1: Saturday, August 13
- Training 2: Saturday, August 27
- Training 3: Saturday, September 10
- Training 4: Saturday, September 24
- Training 5: Saturday, October 8
- Training 6: Saturday, October 15

TEAM Sagittarius
- Group Interviews: October 5 & 9 - 3:00 pm
- Orientation: Sunday, October 16 – 9:30am-4:00pm
  Trainings on Saturday: 2:00-5:00 pm
- Training 1: Saturday, October 22
- Training 2: Saturday, November 5
- Training 3: Saturday, November 12
- Training 4: Saturday, December 3
- Training 5: Saturday, December 10
- Training 6: Saturday, December 17

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