OREGON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

Position Title: Featured Exhibit Interpreter – RACE: Are We So Different?  
Department: Education  
Reports To: Featured Hall Educator  
Unit: Museum Education

POSITION SUMMARY: Volunteer Exhibit Interpreters are needed for the featured exhibit RACE: Are We So Different, which will be on display at OMSI from September 29, 2012 through January 1, 2013. Volunteers will work with the exhibit and education team to help individuals of all ages better understand the origins and manifestations of race and racism in everyday life by investigating race and human variation through the framework of science. Volunteers will engage in conversation with visitors, answer questions, and maintain a safe environment for both the visitors and the exhibits. Volunteers may also facilitate science demonstrations and activities that educate the public about RACE.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Interact with visitors to help them explore and learn from RACE.
- Be sensitive to the personal and introspective nature of the exhibit content, which may provoke emotional responses from visitors.
- Maintain a safe and inclusive environment for people to explore exhibit content.
- Assist staff in the safety and maintenance of the hall.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Previous experience in supporting diversity or educating on diversity issues preferred.
- Skillful in facilitating use of exhibits and translating scientific information age-appropriately.
- Strong communication and customer service skills.
- Able to maintain a calm, pleasant, and cheerful demeanor in a variety of atmospheres.
- Able to listen and communicate with people of diverse backgrounds and age levels.
- Dependable and punctual.
- Self-directed and willing to take initiative.
- Must present a professional appearance.
- Willing to follow OMSI rules and procedures.

VOLUNTEER BENEFITS:

- Training and a lifelong learning experience.
- Admission for the volunteer to the museum, OMNIMAX and Planetarium shows, and submarine tours.
- An OMSI Family Membership upon completion of 50 hours of volunteer service.
- Discounts in the Café and Science Store.
- The opportunity to meet many new people and learn more about OMSI.

For more information, contact Volunteer Services at 503.797-4615 or VolunteerServices@omsi.edu
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