

OREGON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

Position Title: Early Childhood Education Volunteer Department: Museum Education
Reports To: ECE Educators

POSITION SUMMARY: Volunteers engage young families in hands-on exhibits and activities, assisting in the exploration and monitoring of Science Playground, Discovery Lab and Curium where children explore the world through play.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Facilitate hands-on activities such as flubber or spin art, lead story time, or engage visitors with discovery boxes.
- Explore ideas and questions of child development with parents and caretakers.
- Prepare materials and maintain supplies for activities and classes, test activities with visitors.
- Maintain a safe and secure environment, including observation and enforcement of consistent rules and limits with visitors.
- Assist educators during classes by monitoring activities in the hall and preparing for upcoming activities.
- Answer visitor questions and provide other information about the museum.
- Assume other duties/projects as agreed upon with an educator.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Familiarity with brain development science and early childhood education.
- Eager to work with parents and children from all backgrounds, specifically families with children under six years of age.
- Committed to sharing accurate science information age appropriately.
- Strong communication and customer service skills.
- Ability to promptly bend and stoop as needed to help maintain tidy appearance, integrity and safety of the area.
- Calm, pleasant, and cheerful demeanor in a noisy and crowded environment.
- Professional appearance.
- Dependable and punctual.
- Self-directed and willing to take initiative.
- Willing to follow OMSI rules and procedures.

VOLUNTEER BENEFITS:

- Experience facilitating cognitive research-based demonstrations in an early childhood education center
- Witness children's joy in discovery first-hand.
- Gain free admission to the museum, theater and planetarium shows, and submarine tours.
- Upon completion of 50 hours of volunteer service, gain eligibility for an OMSI Family Membership.
- Discounts in the OMSI Science Store and on-site restaurants.
- The opportunity to meet many new people and learn more about OMSI.

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