Position Title: Featured Exhibit Docent  
- Orcas: Our Shared Future

Reports To: Featured Educators

Department: Museum Education

Location: OMSI Museum - Water Ave

Position Summary: Volunteers in the Featured Hall share science and history in the context of a regularly changing exhibit. Volunteers facilitate educational demonstrations and activities as well as assist on the exhibit floor with visitor needs and inquiries. Due to the changing nature of the hall, duties may vary considerably between exhibits. Below is a description of volunteer responsibilities for our current exhibit, Orcas: Our Shared Future, on view at OMSI May 13, 2023 - January 29, 2024.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Welcome and interact with visitors to help them explore and learn from the Orcas exhibit.
- When necessary, encourage parties to adhere to OMSI’s safety protocols.
- Rotate through stations managing specific gallery spaces.
- Facilitate Orcas activities and demonstrations for children and adults. Activities could cover a range of topics including history, culture, art, physics, natural sciences, and more.
- Assist staff in the safety and maintenance of the hall.

This hall provides an exciting, evolving, and changing environment. Volunteers will experience OMSI and science from an insider’s perspective!

Knowledge and Skills:

- Skillful in facilitating exhibits and explaining scientific and historical information in an age-appropriate manner.
- Strong communication and customer service skills.
- Able to maintain a calm, pleasant, and cheerful demeanor in a variety of atmospheres and crowd levels.
- Able to listen to and communicate with people of diverse backgrounds, education levels, and ages.

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● Dependable and punctual.
● Self-directed and willing to take initiative.
● Must present a professional appearance.
● Willing to follow OMSI rules and procedures.

Schedule and Support:
● Minimum number of hours: 4 hours, every other week
● Attend the following trainings or classes:
  ○ Volunteer Orientation & Emergency Protocols
  ○ Mandatory Reporter Training
  ○ Hazardous Communication Training
  ○ Orca-specific Exhibit Training

Volunteer Benefits:
● Training, professional development opportunities, and a lifelong learning experience.
● Admission for the volunteer to museum exhibits and attractions based on availability.
● An OMSI Family Membership upon completion of 50 hours of volunteer service.
● Discounts in the OMSI Science Store and on-site restaurants.
● The opportunity to meet new people and learn more about science and OMSI.

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