



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

JOB TITLE: NATURALIST EXPLORER CLASSES VOLUNTEER

SUPERVISOR: Staff Naturalist

PURPOSE:

To assist and guide children through a variety of hands-on learning activities related to natural history topics.

DUTIES:

Naturalist Explorer Classes are once a month (except June & July) on a Saturday from 9 to 11 am. It offers an applied educational experience for 5 to 8 year olds. Volunteers are asked to assist in guiding small groups of children through both indoor and outdoor activities and crafts that revolve around a central theme. General concepts of ecology, as well as specific information are provided to volunteers prior to the class. Crafts and interactive games often play a part in communicating key concepts to children.

REQUIREMENTS: (Minimum age to volunteer is 18.)

1. Enthusiasm and understanding for working with children.
2. Complete General Volunteer Orientation and submit to criminal background check.
3. Sign up with the Staff Naturalist to assist. Be prepared for the class by reading the program information provided by the staff naturalist. The class schedule will be communicated to you in advance.
4. Acting as a good role model for children, and sharing their wonder for the natural world.
5. Completion of Nature 101 classes is recommended but not required.

REWARD:

Volunteers acquire new information from new, fresh perspectives as they prepare for, and guide children through creative learning experiences.