

# Volunteer Job Description: Plants & Their Habitat Field Trip Station Leader

## Help Introduce 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students to Different Biomes

Join staff at the Arboretum's Marion Andrus Learning Center as they welcome students on their field trip to the Arboretum. Volunteers teach 1-2 stations of the field trip for visiting schools and assist in set-up and clean-up of the program. We provide you with all the information and training you need.

## Field Trip Description: Plants & Their Habitats

Imagine stepping into the shoes of scientists to inventory plants of the earth's rainforests, deserts, and wetlands. Compare these environments and the adaptations that allow plants to survive under extreme conditions. Use microscopes in the lab and hands-on observation in the greenhouse. Unique adaptations of insectivorous plants included.

## Responsibilities

- Lead 1-2 stations during the field trip by demonstrating activities, passing out supplies, sharing information, and engaging students to provide them with the best experience possible
- Assist Arboretum staff in setting up for and cleaning up after program

## Required Skills

- Enjoy working with youth ages 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Ability to lead and teach a classroom of students
- Desire to share knowledge about plants and nature
- Bit of patience and a good sense of humor

## Time Commitment and Schedule Details

- Field trips are Monday – Friday, twice a day (usually 9:30-11:30 and 12:15-2:15) Dec. 8 – April 16
- Attend MANDATORY training for program on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00-Noon at the Learning Center
- Observe at the whole program at least once before leading a station.
- Sign-up to teach on our calendar. We ask that you help teach at least four times from Dec. – April

## Benefits

- Learn about different adaptations of plants to their environment
- Have fun working with youth
- Contribute to the mission of the education department

## Work Environment:

X	Indoors	X	Lifting - light
X	Outdoors	X	Working individually
	Sitting	X	Working with children
X	Standing	X	Working as part of a team

## How to Apply for this Opportunity

If you are currently an Arboretum Volunteer and would like to apply for this opportunity, please contact the supervisor and set up an interview.

## Supervisor & Contact Information

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