

# Volunteer Job Description: Green Grocery Field Trip Station Leader

## Help Teach 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students About Plants People Eat

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: Green Grocery

Discover the plants that provide our groceries. Find the sources of Hershey bars, bananas, Wheaties, and pizza in the Greenhouse. Trace the energy flow through a food chain from sun to child. Do plantings to measure, then eat.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</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. 1 – April 16
- Attend MANDATORY training for program on Monday, November 30<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 interesting information about plants people eat
- Have fun working with youth
- Contribute to the mission of the education department

## Work Environment:

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