

Volunteer Job Description: MN Harvest Field Trip Station Leader

Help teach 3rd-6th Grade Students about healthy eating from and for the earth.

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.

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What does it matter where our food comes from? Students will explore how eating locally grown whole foods can save on gas. Use maps to calculate the trek foods take from field to table. Join us as we explore the foods grown in Minnesota, and examine the stories of how they got here. Students will harvest sweet potatoes from the Children's Garden, mash apples into sauce, and husk popcorn from the cob as they learn about the origins of these plants and how they made their way into our Minnesota Thanksgiving Celebration.

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 3rd-6th 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) Nov. 3rd – Nov. 20th
- Attend initial training for program on Monday, November 2nd 12:00-3:00 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 three times. (3+ hours a week)

Benefits

- Learn interesting information about food traditions and food origins
- 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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To become an Arboretum Volunteer, you first need to complete the Arboretum Volunteer Application Form and participate in the screening and welcoming process. To get started please call the volunteer office at 952-443-1461 Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 9AM – 4PM. Or visit our web site at <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu> and click on the volunteer tab.