Volunteer Opportunity Description: Maple Syrup Time Volunteers

Description/Purpose

Become an instructor for Maple Syrup Time school field trips or the public Maple Syrup Open House weekends.

Responsibilities/Tasks

Teach visitors more about all things maple: Winter tree ID, maple traditions in different cultures, photosynthesis and sap flow, tree tapping and cooking sap to syrup. During the week, when leading student groups, you will be responsible for leading groups of up to 25 children through the activities outlined in the training.

Required Skills

Must be friendly, enjoy talking to people, and willing to learn. A basic knowledge of plant science is important. This volunteer opportunity requires a lot of standing and speaking.

Time Commitment and Schedule Details

Training for volunteers for both positions will be Monday March 7, 9am-2pm at the Frog Hollow building. Volunteer commitment is to work a minimum of 3 program shifts in the weekday school and/or weekend public programs that run March 9 - April 2. Training includes winter tree ID, maple traditions in different cultures, photosynthesis and sap flow, tree tapping and cooking sap to syrup. RSVP requested so training handouts will be ready for you.

Benefits/Impact

You’ll be the face of the Arboretum as our visitors learn new things about timeless techniques, their environment, and how to create edibles from what’s available in their area. Teaching is its own reward, but you’ll also be doing a great service for the Arboretum.

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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.
Staff Supervisor & Contact Information  You can sign up via Sign Up Genius here for training: Maple House Training RSVP  Questions? Email Mindy Zittel gaar0011@umn.edu

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