Volunteer Job Description:
Pea Pods for Preschoolers Station Leader

Help 3-5 year olds and their caregivers engage in nature based play activities
Join staff and other volunteers in assisting children and their caregivers in open-ended play activities that provide an appreciation of the natural world, opportunities for adventure and discovery, exploration, and experimentation.

Program description
Pea Pods is for 3-5 year olds and a caregiver. Weekly themes are designed for the early learner and include stations for planting, art, sensory and discovery zones, snack, action and music, story time and adventures in the garden. The children and caregivers move through the stations at their own pace.

Responsibilities
- Lead a station by assisting the children and their caregivers in any way they need to fully enjoy and experience the activities. All stations are set up in advance and instructions given to help assist the children.
- Assist Arboretum staff in setting up for and cleaning up after program.

Required Skills
- Enjoy working with 3-5 year old children and engaging with their caregivers
- Ability to assist in directed play activities
- Desire to share knowledge about plants and nature
- A bit of patience and a good sense of humor

Time Commitment and Schedule Details
- Tuesdays, June 8 – August 17th, 9:00 – 11:30 (program runs from 9:30 – 11:00)
  OR 11:30 – 2:00 (program runs from 12:00-1:30)
- OR Wednesdays, June 10th – August 18th, 9:00 – 11:30 (program runs from 9:30 – 11:00). It is not necessary to commit to all sessions in the series.
- Attend MANDATORY training for the program on at the Learning Center from 10:00 – 11:30 am on June 3rd.
- Sign up for volunteer days on Pea Pods calendar

Benefits
- Have fun working with small children and their caregivers
- Learn interesting information related to our weekly plant-based topics
- Contribute to the mission of the education department

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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.
- If you are not yet a volunteer, return to the volunteer home page, upper right hand corner and click to register.

Supervisor & Contact Information
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