

# Volunteer Job Description: SPROUT! Field Trip Station Leader

## Help Introduce Kindergarten Students to Plants

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: SPROUT!

Meet the talking tree in a puppet show about the parts of a plant and what plants need. Visit the Greenhouse for a “please touch” experience with plants. Use your senses to search for plants of all shapes, sizes, and colors. Plant seeds for follow-up studies.

## 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
- Help with the puppet show

## Required Skills

- Enjoy working with kindergarten age youth
- 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 9:45-11:00 and 12:30-1:45) Dec. 1 – April 16
- Attend MANDATORY training for program on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 1:00-3:30 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

- 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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