Volunteer Opportunity Description: *Savage Plants and Big Bugs Oh My! Summer field trip Volunteer instructor*

**Description/Purpose**
Spend an action packed hour at the learning center teaching children (6-13 year olds) how and why insectivorous plants (like the Venus Fly Trap) attract, trap and digest insects. Engage children in an up-close experience with carnivorous plants in the Learning Center's greenhouse. Instruct a BIG BUG FRIENDLY planting project that each child can take home.

**Responsibilities/Tasks**
Attend volunteer training on June 9th to learn the program. The program will be organized into three sections, a planting section, greenhouse visit section, and an intro/game section. Volunteers should ideally be prepared to learn and teach one or two of the sections.

**Required Skills**
- Desire to help children connect to the plant world
- Patience and a sense of humor
- Ability to redirect children when necessary to focus on their learning objectives
- Help to create a positive and fun summertime learning atmosphere at the Learning Center.
- Volunteer must have completed a background check, safety of minors training, and must have a signed volunteer agreement on file.

**Time Commitment and Schedule Details**
Volunteer training is June 9th from 10:00-1:00 at the Learning Center.
Programming begins the week of June 20th and runs through the week of August 15th. Program times will be 10:00, 12:00 and 1:30. Depending on the week, programs will take place Monday-Friday.

**Benefits/Impact**
Enjoy summer while learning more about carnivorous plants, spend time with children and share in their joys of discovery. A great opportunity to deepen your experience of the Arboretum's summer exhibits, and of course spend time at the Arb!

**Work Environment:**

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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**
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