Volunteer Job Description: Weekend family program volunteer

Volunteer weekends at the Learning Center
Every weekend in May we are making sunbutter from roasted sunflower seeds, planting giant sunflowers, and creating seed art at the Learning Center from noon – 4 pm. Volunteers are needed to guide families to activities as they explore the sunflower family. On May 22 the new outdoor play area “Stickworks Studio” opens and volunteers are needed to help children weave and create with plants.

Responsibilities
• Orient families to the activities
• Stock supplies
• Demonstrate how to plant seeds
• Answer questions and give directions

Required Skills
• Be friendly and willing to help families get started at a learning station

Time Commitment and Schedule Details
• Commit to a minimum of one 2 hour shift on a Saturday or Sunday in May between 12-4 p.m. at the Learning Center
• Volunteers are especially needed on May 22 for the grand opening of the Stickworks Studio

Benefits
• Enjoy connecting arboretum families to the plant world
• Learn more about the sunflower family
• Learn how to make sunbutter from scratch
• 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 a shift.

Supervisor & Contact Information
Ariel Dressler, Family Programs Coordinator, 952-443-1527, dress072@umn.edu

To become an Arboretum Volunteer, you first need to complete the Arboretum Volunteer Application Form and participate in a New Volunteer Welcome. 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.