Natural History Museum of Utah Volunteer Program
Community Outreach Photography Position

NHMU Mission:
The Natural History Museum of Utah illuminates the natural world and the place of humans within it. Community Outreach Volunteers will engage the community and public in Museum activities, sparking curiosity about the natural world and encouraging learning through community activities. This position brings science from the Museum out into the community.

Position Summary:
Community Outreach Photography Volunteers will attend Community Outreach and Traveling Treasures events as assigned to photograph NHMU booth and interactions with Utah community members. Volunteers will communicate with the Community Outreach Coordinator to obtain appropriate photo content for use by the Museum. Any content created by the volunteer will be property of the Museum and will be used for both internal and external promotion. The volunteer will be given credit for their work while working for the Museum in any capacity. The volunteer will also go through any necessary steps to obtain legal permission to use any subjects’ likeness in Museum publications. Training will be provided on various activities for the events along with basic information about the Museum. Volunteers are expected to be able and willing to interact with the public, including people of diverse ages, backgrounds, ethnicities, gender identities sexual orientations, socioeconomic situations, religions, abilities and family configurations. All events will provide transportation if needed.

Department: Community Relations
Supervisor: Ally Coconis, Community Outreach Coordinator

Skills and Abilities (includes responsibilities):
- Experience using a DSLR Camera
- Interest in developing personal portfolio for use by the Museum
- Interest in taking photos of community events
- Enjoys working with the public of all ages – must be comfortable working with children
- Enjoyment of lifelong learning, especially regarding science
- Ability to be courteous, respectful, and patient with visitors
- Dependable and timely
- Some events local, some around the state – willingness to travel, with some over-night stays (transportation and lodging provided)
- Able to work nights and weekends, in addition to weekday events
- Cell phone required
- You may bring your own camera or use one of ours

Training Required:
All volunteers are required to attend a 3.5 hour New Staff and Volunteer Orientation training prior to starting their volunteer position. Community Outreach Photography volunteers will also either
attend a training (preferred) OR thoroughly read all documents related to the position, schedule and programming. Defensive Driver Training may be required of any volunteer who will drive to events.

**Training Schedule:**

**NHMU Basic Orientation** – 3.5 hours, RSVP required:
- 1st Friday of the month: 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- 3rd Wednesday of the month: 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Community Outreach Training**
- TBD

**Activities Training**
- Upon request

**Defensive Driver Training**
- To be completed online

**Time Commitment:**
At least 3 community outreach events per year. One-year commitment.

**Benefits:**
Volunteers at the Natural History Museum of Utah enjoy benefits that are intellectual, social, and meaningful. Volunteers have the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the natural world through specialized trainings, behind-the-scenes access, and interaction with the Museum’s research staff; they can broaden their social circle by making connections with fellow volunteers, Museum staff, and Museum guests; they contribute to scientific research, and make an impact in increasing scientific literacy and awareness in the local community, and beyond.

In addition, the Museum offers the following benefits:
- Volunteer t-shirt and nametag
- Free admission into the museum
- Two free guest passes for every 25 hours of service
- Museum Membership discount
- Discount at Museum Store and Café
- Use of the volunteer lounge
- Continuing Education programs, including lectures and tours
- Professional development opportunities
- Invitation to social and recognition events

**Age Requirement:** 16 years or older for individuals; families welcome to volunteer together

**Background checks** are required for all volunteers 18 years and older.