Natural History Museum of Utah Volunteer Program
Special Exhibit STEM Lab Gallery Interpreter Position

NHMU Mission:
The Natural History Museum of Utah illuminates the natural world and the place of humans within it. Special Exhibit STEM Lab Gallery Interpreter volunteers will facilitate inquiry-and problem-based learning in an open-ended setting for students, and regular guests, visiting the Museum, helping to cultivate enjoyment of science, technology, engineering, and math.

Position Summary:
Special Exhibit STEM Lab Gallery Interpreters will work in conjunction with NHMU's upcoming special exhibit, Nature's Ultimate Machines. Volunteers will spark excitement, curiosity, and an appreciation for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through facilitating open-ended, hands-on activities and creative projects in one of the Museum's learning labs. Create an engaging environment where guests can explore puzzling problems and design imaginative solutions. Prepare and organize supplies and materials needed. Assist in program development and evaluation. Must be willing to participate in one-on-one meetings with supervisor to ensure performance.

Department: Gallery Programs
Supervisor: Echo Paixao, Assistant Gallery Programs Coordinator

Skills/Abilities:
- Excited about science, technology, engineering, and math
- Enjoy interacting with children and adults
- Comfortable facilitating within a class-size group
- Ability to be courteous, respectful, and patient with visitors
- Desire to learn as well as teach
- Ability to take initiative and adapt quickly in changing circumstances
- Capable of standing, walking, and talking for long periods
- Good oral communication skills
- Professional manner and neat appearance
- Cooperative nature; able to accept instruction and correction
- Punctual and dependable
- Valid email address

Training Required:
All volunteers are required to attend a 3.5 hour New Staff and Volunteer Orientation training prior to starting their volunteer position. In addition, STEM Lab Gallery Interpreter volunteers are also required to attend a 2 hour STEM Lab GI specific training. Further on-the-job training will be provided for STEM Lab GI activity content.

Training Schedule:
NHMU 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.

STEM Lab Training, 2 hours:
- Date TBD

Shifts Available:

Volunteers are asked to choose one weekly recurring shift:
- Tuesdays from 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., February 13th - May 30th (3 month commitment)
- Wednesdays from 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., February 13th - May 30th (3 month commitment)
- Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., February 13th - September 1st (7 month commitment)
- Saturdays from 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., June 1st - September 1st (3 month commitment)

Time Commitment:

One three-hour shift per week, for one of the time commitment options above.

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
- Invitation to social and recognition events

Age Requirement: 18 years or older
Background checks are required for all volunteers 18 years and older.