Natural History Museum of Utah Volunteer Program
STEM Lab Facilitator Position

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

Position Summary:
STEM Lab is a drop-in programming space where field trip visitors can participate in open-ended science, technology, engineering, or math activities. Facilitators will help create an engaging environment where students can explore puzzling problems and design imaginative solutions, including set-up and clean-up. If interested, volunteers can assist in program development and evaluation. Must be willing to participate in one-on-one meetings with supervisor to ensure performance.

Department: School Programs
Supervisor: Katie Worthen, Education Program Specialist

Skills/Abilities:
- Excited about science, technology, engineering, math, and education
- Enjoy interacting with children and adults in a high-activity, high-energy, and noisy environment
- Ability to take initiative and adapt quickly in changing circumstances; flexible working style
- Punctual and dependable
- Comfortable facilitating large groups in open-ended, hands-on problem-solving activities
- Comfortable learning and facilitating with technology

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 volunteers are required to attend a School Programs Volunteer Kickoff and a School Programs Customer Service training. Further on-the-job training will be provided for STEM Lab 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.

School Programs Volunteer Kickoff, 2 hours:
- Tuesday, September 4, 2018, 5:00-7:00pm
School Programs Customer Service Training, 2 hours:
  • TBD

STEM Lab activity training:
  • TBD by volunteer and supervisor

Shifts Available:
  • Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
  • Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Time Commitment:
STEM Lab Facilitators will volunteer one four-hour shift per week, for the duration of school year, which will run from October 2, 2018 – May 31, 2019. Time commitment includes breaks that coincide with school breaks, including Christmas and New Year’s.

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

Participants 18 and older, click here to apply!