Natural History Museum of Utah Volunteer Program
STEM Lab Position

NHMU Mission:
The Natural History Museum of Utah illuminates the natural world and the place of humans within it. STEM Lab Volunteers will spark excitement, curiosity, and an appreciation for the natural world in Museum field trip guests.

Position Summary:
Create an engaging atmosphere for field trip guests to interact with science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through facilitating open-ended, hands-on activities and creative projects. Create an environment where students can engage in inquiry-, problem-, and project-based learning. Assist in content evaluation and development. Prepare and organize supplies and materials needed. Must be willing to participate in one-on-one meetings with supervisor to ensure performance.

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

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
- Cooperative nature; able to accept instruction and correction
- Punctual and dependable

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 general School Programs Field Trip Volunteer Training. Further on-the-job training will be provided for STEM Lab activity content. Customer Service training is encouraged.

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.
General School Programs Field Trip Volunteer Training, 2 hours:
- August 24th, 2016: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
STEM Lab on-the-job training:
- TBD by volunteer and supervisor
Optional Customer Service Training, 1.5 hours RSVP required:
- TBD

Shifts Available:
- Tuesday, 10:00am–1:00pm
- Thursday, 10:00am–1:00pm

Time Commitment:
One shift per week, for the duration of the September 2016 – May 2017 school year.

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.