NHMU Mission: The Natural History Museum of Utah illuminates the natural world and the place of humans within it. Summer Camp Assistant volunteers play a critical role in facilitating curiosity and learning of science in children who come to the Museum for summer camps.

Position Summary: Summer Camp Assistants are a hugely important factor in providing camp visitors with exceptional science experiences. With training in informal education strategies and the subject matter of their camps, they bring science to life, helping campers make lasting connections between science, natural history, and summer fun. Through this volunteer engagement, an individual has the unique opportunity to get their foot in the door at NHMU, and engage curious young minds with the thrill of immersive science education.

Specifically, Summer Camp Assistant volunteers will be partnered with our Youth and Family Programs Informal Education Staff to create an exciting, safe and fun learning environment. Volunteers will assist the Informal Education staff with classroom management and facilitation by utilizing activities and projects that help campers identify their prior knowledge and make new connections with science and the natural world. Duties will include: set-up and clean-up of the labs and activities; assist with the running of activities and projects; assist with classroom management; assist with supply needs; assisting with check in of campers and supervision prior to sessions starting; other duties as assigned.

Other Benefits: Volunteers at the Natural History Museum of Utah expand their knowledge of the natural world through specialized trainings, enjoy behind-the-scenes access, and interact with the Museum’s research staff. They 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. This is a particularly great role for anyone pursuing a career in science, education, or nonprofit work. This role ensures a front-row seat to the innerworkings of a world-class Museum, and a great opportunity for career connections and mentoring!

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

Department: Youth and Family Programs, Public Programs
Supervisor: Shelli Campbell, Youth and Family Programs Manager
Skills and Abilities:
• Punctual and dependable
• Enjoys working with children
• An interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and/or Math
• Interest in learning informal education strategies
• Previous classroom or informal education experience, preferred
• Previous education background, preferred

Training Required: All volunteers are required to complete an Online Volunteer Orientation, which should take about 1 hour to complete from home, and a 75-minute On-Site Museum Orientation. Summer Camp Assistant volunteers must attend four sessions of Informal Education Training prior to Summer Camps beginning.

Training Schedule:
Online Volunteer Orientation, to be completed at home
On-Site Museum Orientation, 75 minutes, RSVP required:
• Offered weekly, to be scheduled after completion of Online Volunteer Orientation
Informal Education Training:
4 training sessions, held on Saturdays in May, 2020; training times TBD:
• Saturday, May 2nd, 2020
• Saturday, May 9th, 2020
• Saturday, May 16th, 2020
• Saturday, May 30th, 2020

Time Commitment:
• Camps run June 8th – August 14th, 2020
• Volunteers are required to sign up for at least 3 half-day sessions (or 1 full-day session and 1 half-day session) during the summer. (*Each camp session lasts one week, Monday-Friday, unless otherwise noted. Volunteers must be available for the entire duration of each session they sign up for.)
• Shift times are
  o Full-day shift: 8:00 a.m. – Noon; 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (lunch break between noon – 12:30 p.m.)
  o Morning shift: 8:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
  o Afternoon shift: 12:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Age Requirement: 16 years or older
Background checks are required for all volunteers 18 years and older.

Participants 18 and older, click here to apply!
Participants 16-17 years old, click here to apply!
Thank you for your interest in the Natural History Museum of Utah!