



Learning Facilitator: Early Childhood Volunteer Position Description

SUMMARY:

Supplement and enhance the exhibit experience for our littlest visitors and their caregivers through interpretive dialog, exhibit instruction, small format demonstrations and positive behavior modeling. Clean and replenish exhibit consumables as needed to ensure the exhibit experience is always 'show ready'.

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDE: Playdates, Science in Play, KidZone, Science Depot

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Engage children and/or parents in the exhibit experience through invitation, enhancement and extension of the activity
- Respond to/answer visitor questions
- Demonstrate through positive behavior modeling how the exhibit activities inspire and engage young children to learn through play
- Engage parents; demonstrate how they can confirm, expand and extend the play-based learning experience.
- Perform small format demonstrations such as cart or tabletop activities as skill level dictates
- Make sure that all exhibit consumables are replenished and in good condition
- Alert KSC staff to any classroom asset that needs attention- malfunction, dirty, damage
- Be knowledgeable about the Kentucky Science Center

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience, knowledge and/or interest in early childhood development/learning
- Prior experience working with young children and their parents in play-based settings desirable, or a desire to learn this skill.
- Organized, dependable and responsible; able to work with limited direct supervision
- Ability to follow verbal and written instructions
- Excellent communication skills
- Must pass a background check

TIME COMMITMENT:

Learning Facilitators are asked for a minimum service commitment of six months with 8 or more hours of service per month. Available hours are between 9am and 5pm Sunday – Thursday and 9am to 9pm Friday and Saturday. Playdates occur every last Tuesday of the month and the following Saturday from 8:30 – 9:30am. Learning Facilitators should be able to commit to shifts 3-4 weeks at a time.

TRAINING:

All volunteers participate in the New Volunteer Orientation. Learning Facilitators also receive on-the-job training from Visitor Education and Experience Team based on individual projects within the department. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to participate in customer service and emergency procedures

trainings as well as a behind the scenes tour of the Science Center.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

- Must be able comfortable standing or walking for extended periods
- Must be able to work in a moderate to noisy work environment
- Reasonable accommodation may be made to those who can perform essential duties of this job

The Kentucky Science Center reserves the right to revise this Position Description, as it deems necessary.