



Looking To Volunteer on A Regular Basis?

Education

Are you interested in engaging guests of all ages and communicating with the public?

Under the direction of the Education and Volunteer Manager, Education Volunteers will assist with Wonder Gardens' programming and conservation initiatives both onsite and in the community. Opportunities include activity preparation and interaction with camps, field trips, community groups, and outreach/tabling events. Volunteers interested in this department develop rapport with guests of all ages and abilities, and promote positive, mindful connections between animals, nature, and people. Minimum time commitment varies. Weekdays and weekends are available. A state background check is required for some opportunities.

Encounter Leader/ Tour Guides

Do you want to take guest engagement and education to the next level?

Under the direction of the Education and Volunteer Manager, Encounter Leaders and Tour Guides are committed and experienced Wonder Gardens Education Volunteers who, through site-based continuing education, develop or hone the skills and knowledge to connect with guest interests while sharing the stories of our organization and resident animals. These volunteers must receive training and demonstrate skills for each placement. Preferred time commitment is 4 hours/shift. Weekdays and weekends are available.

Guest Services

Is Customer Service your superpower?

Under the direction of the Retail & Communications Manager, Guest Services Volunteers will familiarize themselves with Wonder Gardens' basic history, modern missions & goals, and animal & botanical collection. They will greet visitors, assist them with wayfinding, and help match their interests to engagement opportunities we offer, including membership, animal experiences, children's educational activities, and more. Guest Services Volunteers also help keep the Wonder Shoppe organized and clean. Preferred time commitment is 4 hours/shift. Weekdays and weekends are available.





Horticulture

Do you love plants and working in the Great Outdoors?

Under the direction of the Director of Living Collections & Exhibits, Horticulture Volunteers will work with our horticulture team on routine landscape maintenance, such as planting, transplanting, propagating, fertilizing, pruning, and irrigating. Opportunities are available Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and weekends. Volunteers must be able to lift 25 lbs., push or pull 75 lbs. in a wheelbarrow, bend, stoop, stretch, and work in all weather conditions.

Animal Care

Are you interested in animals, their habitats, and how to properly care for them?

Under the direction of the Director of Living Collections & Exhibits, volunteers will work on animal habitat maintenance, diet preparation, and more. These opportunities are limited and require a greater commitment to the Wonder Gardens. To be considered for this position you will be interviewed and must be available to work 9 am - 3 pm at least one day per week over a 13-week minimum extended period. Volunteers must be able to lift 50 lbs., push or pull 100 lbs. in a wheelbarrow, bend, stoop, stretch, and work in all weather conditions. Minimum age is 18 years old.

It is important to note that there will not be not direct contact or interactions with the animal collection.





Looking To Volunteer Periodically?

Events

Do you love to make something BIG happen?

Under the direction of the Events Manager, Event Volunteers will occasionally assist the team with set-up and take down of Wonder Gardens house events & fundraisers, interact with guests, and/or help with operations like parking, check-in, supply replenishment, and cleaning. Ability to lift 50lbs is desirable. Time commitment varies per event and opportunities are on an on-call basis. Some events require volunteers to be a minimum of 21 years old.

Workdays and Special Projects

Are you interested in helping with projects throughout the park in multiple departments?

Are you handy, good at painting, or a jack of all trades?

Under the direction of the Education and Volunteer Manager, Workdays and Special Project Volunteers often join with school, community, or corporate service learning groups for projects involving painting, clean-ups, horticulture, or a collaboration that utilizes special skills. Workday and Special Project Volunteers also include individuals certified or licensed in skilled trades such as plumbing, irrigation, carpentry, painting, electrical work, or legal consultation. Time commitment varies per project and opportunities are on an on-call basis.

