



L.I.M.E. (Leaders In Museum Education)

In addition to MASM's existing Volunteer Program, MASM has recently developed a new volunteer program called L.I.M.E (*Leaders In Museum Education*). This program provides an educational component to the museum exhibits by engaging visitors with inquiry based explanations and demonstrations.

Those participating in this program will receive 10 hours of initial training with the Director of Informal Learning after which responsibilities will be added with additional training. L.I.M.E. volunteers interact with visitors one-on-one to provide explanations and quick science demonstrations that make the visitors' experience extra special. The L.I.M.E. program is perfect for inquisitive, people oriented adults including high school and college students- a great way to reinforce the science concepts taught in class. What better way to understand science than by experimenting hands-on and explaining concepts to others!

Below are two lists that explain the duties/responsibilities of a L.I.M.E. volunteer as well as the learning objectives you can expect to gain from volunteering.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Demonstrate and interpret basic science concepts and principles of exhibits to visitors.
- Assist with field trip orientations.
- Monitor and control traffic throughout the museum and in the Museum Store when needed.
- Enforce museum policies and procedures. Be familiar with museum's emergency procedures.
- Work closely with exhibit technicians to report exhibits not functioning properly.
- Operate one or all of the following exhibits: Tesla Coil/Van de Graaff Generator demonstrations, Laser Show, Steam Engine, and/or Virtual Reality Simulator Ride.
- Ensure visitors have a good experience at the museum and sneak in some science learning.

Learning Objectives - Participants will learn the following...

- Customer service skills, how to professional interact with visitors.
- Science concepts by using hands-on exhibits and demonstrations.
- Teaching skills- how to explain science in a simple, non-threatening manner.
- Security and traffic control.
- Flexibility and adapting to changing situations.
- Public speaking skills.
- Mechanical skills from operating exhibits especially Tesla Coil/Van de Graaff Generator demonstrations, Laser Show, Steam Engine, and/or Virtual Reality Simulator Ride.

If you are interested in any of our volunteer opportunities, please contact MASM's Volunteer Coordinator directly at 501-767-3461 ext. 29.

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