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INTRODUCTION



The following information was primarily drawn from websites and we have included contact information for those who want to delve deeper for more specific information. This is by no means a complete guide to all museums and institutions where teens are engaged as volunteers, but it will give an idea of the diversity of programs. Naturally, the information reflects a moment in time – fall 2015 – and changes are inevitable as programs change. Institutions are roughly arranged by “type” with the recognition that many could fit several categories.

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Children's Museums

[Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert, Rancho Mirage, CA](#)

WHO: Caring teens ages 12-18, who enjoy working with children in a hands-on and educational atmosphere.

WHY: You can look forward to:

Finding a valued place in a constructive group

Real work experiences and resume building

Feeling a sense of worth as a person

Believing in a promising future with real opportunities

Finding ways of being useful to others through volunteering

Expressing constructive curiosity through real-life experiences

Showing your care for the community through hands-on activities

Contact: volunteer@cdmod.org or call (760) 321-0602, ext. 112.

[Children's Museum, Pittsburgh, PA](#)

We offer volunteer opportunities for high school students, including rising 8th graders, to assist visitors in the Museum and help at Museum outreach programs at summer festivals.

Participation in the Summer Teen Volunteer Program is often required for paid employment through Youth Programs at the Museum. Learn more on our [Youth Programs page](#).

Email Volunteer Coordinator JuWanda Thurmond at jthurmond@pittsburghkids.org for more information.

[Children's Museum of New Hampshire, Dover, NH](#)

Students 14 years old or older are welcome to volunteer or intern with the Museum. Roles include working with visitors and helping with community events. We can also work with you to create a project that meets the requirements of a work study or community service program at your school.

Contact Douglas Tilton, Volunteer Coordinator, at dtilton@childrens-museum.org

[Children's Museum of Houston, Houston, TX](#)

The Children's Museum of Houston offers many volunteer opportunities for teens, adults and groups. Interact with visitors, assist staff in the action-packed exhibits or help our hard-working Administrative staff during your volunteer experience.

The Discovery Squad is the Museum's volunteer program for teens, ages 14 to 17. Volunteers are asked to complete a minimum of 75 hours of volunteer service to the Museum during the summer months or throughout the school year.

Be a part of the President's Volunteer Service Award program!

The Children's Museum of Houston's Kids' Committee is dedicated to helping the Museum be a better place for children. This group is asked provide a kid's perspective for the museum on everything from exhibit development to programming.

Contact Aaron Guerrero, Volunteer and Special Events Manager at (713) 535-7209 or aguerrero@cmhouston.org

[Children’s Museum of Sonoma County, Santa Rosa, CA](#)

Youth Volunteer Opportunities are as follows:

Mary’s Garden: including the Russian River area, farm stand, gravel pit, Imagination Playground, edible garden, and “WildZone” outdoor building area

Work Day projects (landscaping, painting, general clean-up, etc.)

Art Studio: Prep and facilitation

Garden maintenance

Special projects, including art installations and construction projects

Youth Volunteers under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact: volunteers@cmosc.org , or (707) 546-4069

[Creative Discovery Museum, Chattanooga, TN](#)

Our Museum Apprentice Program for Teens (MAP program) is designed just for them! The MAPs attend special training sessions to learn about the Museum's operations and exhibits.

MAPs are trained to work in all of our exciting exhibits, and they also provide support for our Birthday Parties, Camps, seasonal workshops, and various special events throughout the year. The MAP program requires a commitment of 8 hours per month year round. Teens develop customer service skills, learn responsibility, and gain self-confidence. They also have a lot of fun!

Contact Randy at (423) 648-6056.

[CuriOdyssey, San Mateo, CA](#)

The Keeper In Training (KIT) program is designed to expose youth to animals and a possible career working with animals. KITs assist the professional keepers with cleaning and diet preparation, as well as the interpretation of animals and biofact display tables with the public. See the Keeper In Training job description.

Age: 13-17 years old

Contact our Volunteer Manager Lee Cauble at lcauble@CuriOdyssey.org or 650-340-7580.

[Discovery Children’s Museum, Las Vegas, NV](#)

The YouthWorks program is all-inclusive and designed for high school students, ages 14-17 years old.

This program provides volunteers with opportunities to enhance their own lives through education.

YouthWorks offers a unique opportunity to gain work experience and build a community service record that will help in getting high school credit or building college portfolios. In addition to volunteering, youth also participate in a variety of different programs including Seminar Series, Teen Awards Nights, and College Summit.

Volunteers enroll and perform volunteer work throughout the year. The program focuses on enrolling teens from culturally diverse backgrounds, particularly those living in neighborhoods near the museum. Additionally, the program is designed to be inclusive to all youth, and to this end, the museum strives to reach and serve children with physical disabilities, as well as children with hyperactive attention deficit disorders.

Contact: volunteers@DiscoveryKidsLV.org

[Discovery Cube Orange County, Santa Ana, CA](#)

The Cube has a strong and active group of teen volunteers who donate the majority of their time to us on weekends, the holidays, and in the summer. We are looking for volunteers who are outgoing, passionate, and enjoy working with the public. Teens are welcome to serve in the same positions as adults and do not need previous volunteer experience.

Contact: volunteerOC@discoverycube.org or call us at 714-913-5028

[DuPage Children's Museum, Naperville, IL](#)

Museum Assistant: Students who have graduated from grade 8 (for the summer program) or those who are currently in grade 9. Must be able to volunteer 2 hours each week. Flexible shifts available after school, weekends and holidays.

dernst@dupagechildrensmuseum.org

[Elizabeth Stewart Treehouse Museum, Ogden, UT](#)

Teens at Treehouse and are trained to help with ParticiPlays™ in the castle Theater, assist with activities in the Art Garden, present Exhibit Spotlights and lead games and activities in exhibit galleries, and, prepare materials for exhibits or use in the Art Garden.

Teens age 16 and up (or former SPYs of any age) can also volunteer as Event Volunteers at special Treehouse events such as the Enchanted Woods in October.

Contact our Volunteer Mentor, Courtnee, for more information at 801-394-9663 ext 109 or

volunteers@treehousemuseum.org

[Gilbert House Children's Museum, Salem, OR](#)

Village Explainer: Explainers are youth typically ages 14 to 20 who present information, activities, and learning opportunities in museum settings. A mainstay in science centers and museums for well over two decades, Explainers work directly with audiences, engaging the public through inquiry-based exploration activities. They add a new dimension of social interactivity to exhibit spaces while gaining knowledge, skills and confidence that enhance their prospects for continued academic and workforce success. Village Explainers are responsible for facilitating activities at the museum on Saturdays during Discovery Saturdays from 1:00-3:00.

Contact Megan McClure, Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-371-3631 or volunteers@acgilbert.org

[Glazer Children's Museum, Tampa, FL](#)

The Glazer Children's Museum has many volunteer opportunities available for teens, adults and groups. Volunteers interact, teach, and inspire museum visitors. It is through a volunteer's graciously donated time and talents, that we can better meet our mission – to create learning environments where children play, discover, and connect to the world around them to develop as lifelong learners and leaders.

We are always looking for energetic individuals to help us bring the Glazer Children's Museum to life.

Volunteers of all abilities, interests, and schedules are needed. All volunteer candidates are subject to criminal background checks.

Contact: Denisse Deleon at ddeleon@glazermuseum.org

[Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples, Naples, FL](#)

It is our vision to be recognized as a leader among all museums and cultural institutions serving children and families. We hope you will consider joining our volunteer team and becoming part of our family, sharing some of your time and talents with us. Teen volunteers must be at least 14 years old.

So C’mon and join our team of volunteers.

Contact: ajohnston@cmon.org or call (239) 260-1713.

[Grand Rapids Children’s Museum, Grand Rapids, MI](#)

At the Grand Rapids Children’s Museum, volunteers play with children, help to build and maintain exhibits, explore art with families, help in the office, and offer their time and skills in many other ways! Most importantly, no matter where you volunteer at the Museum, you make a difference in the lives of children!

Youth Volunteers – Our Youth Volunteers range in age from 14 to 18. Youth Volunteers usually spend their time interacting directly with Museum visitors.

Contact Juli Atherton at (616) 235-4726 ext. 100 or jatherton@grcm.org

[Gull Wings Children’s Museum, Oxnard, CA](#)

Gull Wings Children’s Museum offers many volunteer opportunities for teens, adults and groups. As a part of our Crew, you will interact with visitors, assist staff with our hands-on exhibits or help our hard-working administrative staff. Volunteers make the museum come alive to our visitors!

Contact: volunteer@gullwings.org

[Hands On Children’s Museum, Olympia, WA](#)

The Hands on Children's Museum offers:

- Volunteer positions for a variety of ages, interests and skill levels
 - Opportunities to gain valuable experience to include on your resume
 - Opportunities for individuals, groups and school classes
 - Special project opportunities
 - School credit for community service
 - Formal internships for both high school and college students
 - Teen Volunteer Program for youth ages 13 and above
- Contact: volunteers@hocm.org or call at 360.956.0818 x113.

[Marbles Kids Museum, Raleigh, NC](#)

Museum Host:

Interact with guests in the museum’s hands-on exhibits or at the IMAX Theatre at Marbles. Help create an unforgettable guest experience by performing various tasks including keeping the museum exhibits tidy, helping greet school field trips or helping host a birthday party.

Exhibit Weekly Programs Volunteers:

Help facilitate museum play during weekly activities and programs for guests developed by the Marbles programs team.

Educational Program Assistants:

Provide assistance in the successful delivery of hands-on activities led by educators at the museum and IMAX Theatre. Share or build your public speaking skills and garner a love of learning in children and guests. Summer Camp Volunteers: Help make camps at Marbles a fun-filled experience for our campers.

From June – August each year volunteers are needed to come and help counselors play, lead and organize. Volunteers must commit to three weeks at a time.

Outreach (Marbles on the Road):

Go on the road with Marbles and get involved in the community by assisting in staffing activities and games, as well as helping with a Marbles information booth at events on and off campus.

Special Events:

Work directly with the programs team to assist with set up and break down and to ensure smooth delivery of special events.

Administrative Assistants:

Help the Marbles staff by assisting the membership, camps, human resources and volunteer teams with data entry, filing and organizational tasks.

Contact: volunteer@marbleskidsmuseum.org or 919.834.3516 (fax).

[Mid-Hudson Children’s Muse, Poughkeepsie, NY](#)

The Mid-Hudson Children’s Museum offers two 6-month youth volunteer programs each year for high school students seeking to become involved in their community. Designed as a “first volunteer experience,” teens will gain valuable experience and skills that can be later transferred to the workplace, while helping to enrich the visitor experience at the Mid-Hudson Children’s Museum.

Volunteer duties include:

Serving as a museum docent to help visitors engage with exhibits

Restocking exhibits and maintaining gallery spaces

Leading hands-on activities

Assisting with parties and special events

Assisting with cleaning and maintaining the museum’s galleries, public spaces and grounds

Contact: Rachel Hacunda, Volunteer and Guest Services Coordinator rhcunda@mhcm.org

[Mid-Michigan Children’s Museum, Saginaw, MI](#)

A Junior/Teen Docent Volunteer plays with children/families/groups to ensure their visits to the museum are fun, safe, and enjoyed by all. They may assist with face painting, water table activities, birthday parties, and special daytime events (i.e. Lego party).

A Junior/Teen Docent works closely with museum staff, educators, adult volunteers, and other youth participants. They help keep the museum tidy, assist museum staff as needed, and may perform demonstrations, plays, or share other family-friendly talents with the approval of museum management.

volunteer@michildrensmuseum.com

[Minnesota Children’s Museum, St. Paul, MN](#)

Play! Spend your time playing with children in the Museum galleries and leading creative arts programs called Go Carts. You’ll volunteer with other high school students from around the Twin Cities and meet lots of new people.

Learn! Gain experience working with children and build your teamwork, communication and leadership skills. This is a great way to build your resume for scholarships, college applications and future employment.

Serve! Support your community and the families who visit the Museum with playful learning experiences by giving your time. You’ll be a positive role-model and make an impact on the lives of thousands of children.

Contact us at 651-225-6046

[Mississippi Children's Museum, Jackson, MS](#)

MCM's Community (ages 18+) and Youth (ages 13-17) Volunteer Programs are the perfect way to earn community service hours, get real world experience, meet new people and learn about the Mississippi Children's Museum! If you enjoy spending time with children, and want to develop your leadership skills, please complete our online applications for our Volunteer Programs.

Contact the museum's Volunteer Coordinator, Lindsay McMurtray at lindsay@mcm.ms or at 601.709.8976.

[Portland Children's Museum, Portland, OR](#)

Are you energized around young children? Do you want to fan the flames of discovery that help curious children develop into lifelong learners? Do you love creative, open-ended play? Portland Children's Museum may have just what you're looking for, as we offer an array of volunteer opportunities for adults and youth (14-18).

Contact: volunteer@portlandcm.org

[Santa Fe Children's Museum, Santa Fe, NM](#)

The Santa Fe Children's Museum is very proud to host the Teen Volunteer Program. Volunteering at the museum gives teens solid work experience that will serve them throughout their lives. Teens age 15 and older can volunteer in the visitor services department and help facilitate learning through play on the museum floor. Most work shifts are 4 hours and will be scheduled in accordance with the teen's availability. Teen volunteers must be 15 years or older and have completed their freshman year of high school. Contact: India Nixon, at inixon@santafekidrensmuseum.org or 505.989.8359 ext. 109., Teen Volunteer Coordinator at 505-989-8359 Ext. 115.

[Stepping Stones Museum for Children, Norwalk, CT](#)

The mission of the Youth Enrichment at Stepping Stones is to provide meaningful opportunities to students in grades 6 – 12 by developing skills, inspiring leadership and encouraging talents of the youth team. Through participation in training, mentorship, events and workshops, participants are provided with the tools and confidence to impact children, find success in future endeavors and to become lifelong learners.

Contact: Dod March at dod@steppingstonesmuseum.org or call 203 899 0606, ext. 277

[The Children's Museum of Memphis, Memphis, TN](#)

We are looking for people that are 16 years old and up to fill a variety of volunteer positions.

Gallery Assistant – assist with the direct interaction of visitors in exhibit areas throughout the museum.

Special Events – assist with a variety of special programs and events throughout the year.

Birthday Party Assistant – assist party host/hostess during fun-filled birthday parties.

Office Helper – assist with a variety of light office duties.

Program Assistant – assist the programming department with programs and workshops

Clean Up Crew – help sweep, dust and arrange.

Other positions available as needed!

Contact: brad.laney@cmom.com or call 901-458-2678, ext. 243

[The Discovery Center, Murfreesboro, TN](#)

The Discovery Center strives to extend our mission to individuals who have aged out of our programs and exhibits but are not yet old enough to participate as adult volunteers. The Discovery Center Youth Volunteer Program is a program for youth ages 14-17.

Exhibit Helper: Assist Discovery Center Staff in their primary tasks which include supervising visitors and rotating through exhibit spaces to keep them safe and fun.

Event Volunteers: Only have a little time to volunteer? Assist with Special Events activities. Activities may include: arts and crafts stations, assisting educators with event related shows and demonstrations. Events may include Chinese New Year, Great Pumpkin Fest, Free Day in May, Seuss Celebration, Healthy Me, Healthy You and many more! Event Volunteers participate on a short term basis and necessary training will be provided on the day of event.

Contact: Katie Woodward at kwoodward@explorethcdc.org

[The Doseum, San Antonio, TX](#)

At The DoSeum, we are looking for volunteers that meet the following criteria:

A willingness to learn

Dependability, initiative, and flexibility

A positive attitude

Experience and/or an interest in early childhood education and child development

Experience and/or interest in art, music, science, literacy

A dedication to The DoSeum's mission and vision

Contact the Manager of Volunteerism at priles@TheDoSeum.org

[The Jackson Hole Children's Museum, Jackson, WY](#)

We believe that young adults have something special to offer young children. Children everywhere look up to you, and at JHCM, you have the opportunity to model positive play and excitement about learning. We offer our teen volunteers references and record their service hours. Our goal is to find ways for our teen volunteers to express their creativity in a way that makes a lasting impact on the Museum.

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Hanneke Bouwmeester, at 307.733.3996 or

hanneke@jhchildrensmuseum.org

[The Lutz Children's Museum, Manchester, CT](#)

Teen volunteers are very important to the Lutz Children's Museum. You always have a choice of projects, but many teens like to be involved with our live animal program or after-school classes.

Museum Curators make great mentors. They are always willing to spend a little extra time teaching you a new skill and often write recommendations for exceptional volunteers. This on-the-job experience will make you stand out from the crowd and more appealing to a prospective employer or college admissions officer. We often have a former volunteer visit after graduating. They always say their experience at the Lutz Children's Museum was a big part of their success!

Contact Sarah Johnston, Volunteer Coordinator, Phone: 860-643-0949 x.13 e-mail:

sjohnston@lutzmuseum.org

[The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum, St. Louis, MO](#)

Youth volunteers (age 13 through college students) who are outgoing, flexible, patient and love children get to rotate through a wide variety of tasks throughout the museum. New volunteers start as Play Assistants, providing support to the staff on the museum floor. As you gain more experience, more opportunities open up for you! Volunteers are asked to make a commitment to serve at least 30 hours within a year.

Contact Kayla Kromer, Volunteer Coordinator at kayla@magichouse.org

[Wonder Works, Oak Park, IL](#)

Volunteering at Wonder Works is a great way to build your resume while earning your service learning hours. You have the opportunity to volunteer alongside other teens, while making a difference in the lives of young children. With an assortment of volunteer positions available, there is something for everyone.

If you like being out in front as a leader, you can

Help children create artistic masterpieces in North Avenue Art Works

Create tremendous towers in Build-It!

Lead story times and sing-alongs in Lights, Camera, Action!

If you prefer to work behind the scenes, you can

Do prep work for the art room, ensuring bountiful supplies for all the children

Make the museum safe and sparkling clean for the children

Help get ready for parties

Contact: info@wonder-works.org

Science Museums

[Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA](#)

For over 30 years teens have been engaged at the Academy of Natural Sciences throughout the museum as informal guides to our exhibit spaces – learning fossil preparation and conversing with visitors in Dinosaur Hall, engaging children in the hands-on space called Outside-In where visitors can meet live animals (and insects), interacting with visitors in the Special Exhibits Gallery and with special topic carts in museum hallways, sharing information about butterflies in our live Butterflies garden, and engaging visitors in learning about current events in science at Science Now. Teens also assist in the care of 100 live animals that are resources for our Education programs. While less common, teens have also assisted with curatorial work in various departments of our research collections. They share responsibilities and work as a team with college students and adults of all ages who make up some 300 volunteers active at the Academy.

Contact: Lois Kuter, Manager of Volunteer Services, 215 299-1029, Lkv26@drexel.edu

[Chabot Space & Science Center, Oakland, CA](#)

Galaxy Explorers

Chabot Space & Science Center's Galaxy Explorers program for high school students offers hands-on, fun, community service work. Explorers perform live public science demonstrations and explain interactive exhibits. Assignments take place during weekends, weekday evenings, holidays, and vacation periods. Galaxy Explorers also conduct exciting outreach programs at schools, community centers, and festivals.

Champions of Science

The Champions of Science after school program for middle school students serves underserved youth from OUSD. Students investigate various science topics both inside and outside the classroom.

You may reach the Galaxy Explorer office at (510) 336-7389 Tuesdays - Saturdays, or via email at GalaxyExplorers@ChabotSpace.org

[Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver, CO](#)

Within the program, there are a variety of opportunities for students, ages 14-18 years old, to gain valuable work experience in a museum setting. From greeting program participants, to leading activities in our exhibits and summer day camps, teen volunteers work as part of a team bringing the Museum to life for our littlest guests. The majority of the time commitment takes place during the summer, but we do ask for a very small and manageable time commitment during the school year as well.

If you have any questions, please email Natty Bayer at natrishya.bayer@dmns.org or call 303.370.6436. A number of other volunteer opportunities are available for teens 14+ and for family groups. See at <http://www.dmns.org/join/volunteering/>

[Discovery Center Museum, Rockford, IL](#)

For youth, the Discovery Center offers the Youth Experiencing Science (YES) program. This program provides opportunities for children ages 13-17 to assist with event activities and interact with museum visitors. Hours are flexible to meet the needs of busy families!

Contact the YES Coordinator at 815-963-6769 email volunteer@discoverycentermuseum.org

[Discovery Place, Charlotte, NC](#)

The Apprentice Leadership Program provides the opportunity for teens to build critical thinking and leadership skills and gain knowledge of science and education while working closely with Museum professionals. Beyond gaining critical knowledge about early childhood, science and nature, technology, engineering and math, the program focuses on four key developmental areas for future leaders:
Email: susand@discoveryplace.org – Susan Dhonau

[Fernbank Museum of Natural History, Atlanta, GA](#)

The Fernbank Ultimate Naturalist program, also known as the FUN volunteer program, is an opportunity for youth ages 13-17 to be directly involved in public events and education at Fernbank Museum. FUN volunteers run discovery carts, sharing information about biology, archaeology, paleontology, and more with visitors of all ages. They also help with educational programming in the Naturalist Center, activities on special family event days, other special projects, and have opportunities to tour and visit behind the scenes.

FUN volunteers must commit to the program for a minimum of one year and provide a minimum of 45 hours of service to the Museum.

Contact the Education Department at 404.929.6342 or fun@fernbankmuseum.org

[Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, FL](#)

Tweens and teens ages 12 to 17 work alongside Museum staff throughout the summer, sharing programs and exhibits with visitors and public program participants. A variety of positions are available, including Discovery Cart attendant, Discovery Room assistant, camp teacher's assistant, collections assistant and more. It's easy to make new friends who love the Museum just like you. This is also a great opportunity to learn about the "behind-the-scenes" work required to present programs and events. All junior volunteers are trained and supervised.

Please contact Florida Museum Volunteer Coordinator Amy Hester, 352-273-2055 or email volunteers@flmnh.ufl.edu

[Greensboro Science Center, Greensboro, NC](#)

The Greensboro Science Center is fortunate to work with almost 750 volunteers a year! Volunteers assist in classes, spend time interpreting at animal exhibits, help at special events, and serve as guides in our permanent and traveling exhibits. If you love people, animals, and science, consider joining our volunteer program.

Contact: volunteers@greensboroscience.org or (336) 288-3769 ext. 1330

[Heard Museum, McKinney, TX](#)

Youth (ages 15 and younger) who are interested in volunteering their time and services to the Heard Museum in a volunteer position. A youth volunteer must be at least 10 years of age and be accompanied by a parent/guardian until 16 years of age.

Student Service Volunteer, and Court Mandated Service also available.

Contact: Stephanie Rios, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteers@heardmuseum.org

[Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, Jackson, MS](#)

All kinds of people volunteer at the museum: teens, college students, professionals, and retirees. A wide variety of volunteer positions are available - even for SCUBA Divers (see article below)! Training is provided and the number of hours you commit is flexible.

Contact: call at 601-576-6000 or email ann.peden@mmns.state.ms.us

[Museum of Science, Boston, MA](#)

Must be 14 or older.

Opportunities vary from interpreting exhibit spaces to guiding and providing information. You can help welcome guests and provide them with information about coming attractions, visiting exhibits, and new films. In the Exhibit Halls, help visitors use computers as tools for creativity, or experiment with hands-on materials. Share in the enthusiasm of our Museum guests while encouraging them to explore objects and ideas throughout the Museum.

Behind the scenes, you can help the Museum run smoothly. Assist with the handling, care, and feeding of the wild animals used in educational programs, or work with our curators to inventory our collections with over 30,000 objects. You can also volunteer after hours with special events, openings, and previews.

Our volunteers also play a role in providing an enjoyable experience for the thousands of school children who visit the Museum each year. You might give a tour to a group of second graders from Boston Public Schools, or even facilitate a laboratory program.

volunteers@mos.org

[Museum of Science and Industry, Tampa, FL](#)

As the face of MOSI, volunteers help guide, teach and enlighten museum guests. We are looking for energetic, interested and exciting individuals to help bring MOSI's exhibits to life. If you are an outgoing individual with a desire to work with people and enjoy a wide range of opportunities, then MOSI is looking for you. All of MOSI's volunteers must be 15 years of age or older. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday, as well as the weekend.

Contact: (813)987-6337 or MOSIVAX@mosi.org

[Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, CA](#)

Youth Volunteers (16-17 years old)

Our youth volunteers work side-by-side with our adult volunteers, in our exhibits and behind the scenes. Opportunities are available during the week and on the weekends, with some opportunities to support evening events and programs. As a volunteer with the Natural History Museum, you will grow your skills and learn new things...but most importantly, you'll have a great time doing it.

For more information about volunteering please contact (213) 763-3341 or Volunteer@nhm.org

[Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, OR](#)

Not your run-of-the-mill after school club, the Teen Science Alliance is a team of science-loving teens who take on real-world problems and work today to find creative, science-based solutions. With three sessions you can graduate up levels at your own pace while building skills to brag to future schools and employers about.

Tier 1: Thinkineers work in small teams to learn about the design process and solve everyday problems together.

Tier 2: The Science Squad volunteers on the museum floor facilitating hands-in science activities for visitors of all ages.

Tier 3: Apprentices build on their previous experiences in the museum, from volunteering on the museum floor, to mentor incoming Teens to working behind the scenes.

There is a program fee of \$300 for joining the program. Financial aid is available through a separate application.

Contact: (503) 239-7814 or VolunteerServices@omsi.edu

[Pacific Science Center, Seattle, WA](#)

Pacific Science Center brings science to life. Many people interact with Pacific Science Center through attending our year-round special events. Such events include: science exhibit openings, science research weekends, Science Education after school programming, and special donor events. Special Event volunteers play a vital role in executing these events. Volunteer roles vary and may include welcoming guests, setting-up tables and chairs, checking-in guests, staffing information tables, and more! Hours vary, but primarily take place during weekends and evenings. We request that volunteers make a six month commitment and assist at least once a quarter.

Contact: (206) 443-2868 or email volunteers@pacsci.org

[Sam Noble Museum, Norman, OK](#)

Our Teen Volunteer Program gives teens an opportunity to learn about the museum, Oklahoma's natural and cultural history and receive valuable experience working with visitors in the museum's galleries and Discovery Room.

The Teen Volunteer Program is an eight-week volunteer experience for students who have successfully completed 6th grade and not yet entered their senior year of high school. Participants must be under 18.

Help visitors explore and understand exhibits.

Facilitate hands-on Discovery Carts in the museum galleries.

Assist visitors in the Discovery Room.

Meet and learn from museum scientists.

Develop public speaking skills.

Acquire work experience.

Meet other local teens.

Participate in volunteer recognition.

Earn service rewards.

Earn community service credit.

Receive a discount at the museum store.

Field trip to a local cultural institution.

For additional information, call (405) 325-1652 or email volunteer@snomnh.ou.edu

[ScienceWorks Hands-on Museum, Ashland, OR](#)

ScienceWorks offers a variety of volunteer opportunities. Click on the titles below, or scroll down the page, to learn more.

[Interactive Exhibit Guide](#)

[Garden Docent](#)

[Garden Volunteer](#)

[Office Assistant](#)

[Onsite School Visit Program Volunteer](#)

Special Events Volunteer
Adult or Teen Summer Camp Helpers
Summer Teen Internship
Contact: volunteercoor@scienceworksmuseum.org or 541 482 6767 ext. 229.

[The Field Museum, Chicago, IL](#)

Teen volunteers help make The Field Museum's galleries come alive! Summer Teen Volunteers are trained to interact with visitors of all ages, spending half of their day in the Crown Family Playlab, The Field Museum's early childhood center, and the other half of their day in the Museum's exhibitions facilitating hands-on interpretive carts.

teens@fieldmuseum.org

[The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, PA](#)

Volunteering at The Franklin Institute is a great way to get involved in this fun-filled, interactive museum. By contributing time and expertise, you can learn something new, help others, and, most of all, have fun! The success of many of our programs depends directly on the efforts of our volunteers. Every year, hundreds of people—from students to retirees—participate in our volunteer program.

Contact: 215.448.1163, volprog@fi.edu

[The Tech Museum of Innovation, San Jose, CA](#)

This program works extraordinarily well for both The Tech and our young volunteers: We love the energy and enthusiasm they bring to the museum. They love the knowledge they gain about science and technology; the experience they get engaging visitors; and the credits they earn to fulfill school requirements.

Candidates must be 15-18 years old, have a comfortable command of English and be able to follow our dress code. Knowledge of science and technology isn't required, but the desire to help inspire the innovator in everyone is!

Contact: volunteer@thetech.org

[The Thinkery, Austin, TX](#)

TEENS- Are you looking for an engaging and meaningful way to gain experience, build your resume and fulfill community service hours? Learn about all of our Teen Programs. The Thinkery hosts a menu of volunteer and employment programs that provide Austin area teens with:

Support in the development of 21st century skills that can be practiced and refined in their work at the Thinkery and leveraged to achieve success in future endeavors

Training for meaningful volunteer and employment opportunities that empower participants with responsibility and accountability

Exposure to positive role models and new career options a safe, supportive environment

Increased knowledge and understanding of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and science) content areas and the creative problem solving process

A dynamic social learning environment and opportunities that fit a variety of needs and schedules

Contact Emily Mitis, Volunteer Resources Coordinator of Teen Programs at emitis@thinkeryaustin.org

[Turtle Bay Exploration Park, Redding, CA](#)

Help visitors of all ages understand museum exhibits, artifacts, and animals within a diverse range of subjects such as art, history and the environment. Work directly with Turtle Bay professionals to learn

about animals, art, culture, ecology, forestry, history and much more! Join the teen volunteer team to acquire leadership skills, explore career interests, and gain invaluable work and life experience.

Who Should Apply?

Teens who can commit to a minimum of one year volunteer service (September - August) with Turtle Bay Exploration Park.

Our program is geared toward the development of our youth, and therefore there are a limited number of positions available.

Interested teen applicants must be 13 years old by June 1 for our Teen Summer Program (mid-June to mid-August), and 13 years old by September 1 to be considered for the Year-Round Program. Teens who participate in the Teen Summer Program have priority placement for the Year-Round Program.

volunteers@turtlebay.org

[Virginia Museum of Natural History, Martinsville, VA](#)

Youth volunteers ages 13 to 18 can assist museum staff with special events, summer camps, exhibit tours, animal care, and various other projects. Volunteering at the museum is a great way to gain valuable work experience and count your time toward community service hours.

Youth volunteers are always learning but have lots of fun, too! From animal care to coordinating festivals, the VMNH Youth Volunteer program has something to offer any service minded young adult.

Contact Sara Reichert, the Youth Volunteer Coordinator at discover@vmnh.virginia.gov, or call at (276)634-4185

[WonderLab Museum of Science, Health and Technology, Bloomington, IN](#)

Teens are eligible to become volunteers after they finish grade 6. As middle and high school volunteers share their enthusiasm with museum visitors, they benefit by developing new workplace skills and improving their communication skills. They also meet college students and other adult volunteers, who can serve as positive role models. All volunteers must register for a basic training session.

Contact: Jeanne Gunning, Volunteer Director at 812.337.1337 ext. 21 or jeanne@wonderlab.org or Diane David, Volunteer Coordinator at 812.337.1337 ext. 20 or volunteer@wonderlab.org

Art Museums

[Alexandria Museum of Art, Alexandria, LA](#)

Whether working at the front desk, on the floor with our guests, or on special events with the staff, our volunteers make an inimitable contribution to the Museum. Volunteering is a great way to meet interesting people, learn new skills, and surround yourself with inspirational art. No matter what your interests, you will find a fun and exciting volunteer opportunity here at the Alexandria Museum of Art. Whether you are a high school or college student, a retired senior or a working adult with the desire to give back to your community, we have opportunities for you!

Contact the Volunteer Coordinator Steve Farnsley at (318) 443-3458 or steve@themuseum.org

[Bass Museum of Art, Miami Beach, FL](#)

Volunteers are an essential part of the Bass Museum because our programs are continuously expanding, the help of volunteers is essential. The volunteer program offers positions in various departments ranging from events, programs, membership, marketing and clerical projects. Teens, college students, and members of the community are all encouraged to join as volunteers to support the museum's programs.

Contact: kdelgado@bassmuseum.org

[Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL](#)

Teen BMA provides art-minded teens with exclusive access to Museum staff and operations, opportunities to learn from professional artists, and hands-on volunteer experience. The yearlong program includes training on the collection, visitor interaction, and manning the Bart's Art Cart art activities each weekend.

Contact Kristen Greenwood at kpgreenwood@artsbma.org

[Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH](#)

High school volunteers are needed to assist with our Family First Saturdays program, as well as certain special events. Common responsibilities include preparing art projects, assisting young visitors with art making, greeting visitors, and other duties as needed. Volunteers work in collaboration with Art Museum staff in a supervised environment.

Contact Russell Ihrig at (513) 639.2334 or russell.ihrig@cincyart.org

[Cummer Museum, Jacksonville, FL](#)

Teens must be at least 16 years of age and available to commit to four hours a month. Teens assist Museum staff and patrons in a variety of areas, including Weaver First Saturday, Free Tuesday Nights, and educational preparation. By volunteering hours at the Cummer Museum, teens gain valuable customer service skills as well exposure to the arts, gardens, and educational opportunities.

Contact Member Relations Officer Wendy Stanley at 904.899.6007 or wstanley@cummERMuseum.org

[Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX](#)

The DMA Teen Docent Program provides opportunities for high school students to initiate and deepen their relationship with the DMA. Teen docents conduct summer tours for young visitors (ages 5–12) and assist with DMA family programs. Qualified students are invited to train as teen docents and eventually

facilitate tours and assist with Museum activities during the summer. Teen docents also have the opportunity to assist with DMA Late Nights and various programs for family audiences throughout the year.

We seek teens who are comfortable talking about works of art and engaging young children. You must be at least 14 years old and have completed the 8th grade to be eligible for this opportunity.

Contact jrussell@DMA.org

[Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville, TN](#)

Each year, hundreds of Frist Center volunteers from across the Nashville area inspire people to look at their world in new ways. Not only is the Frist Center's volunteer program a great way to support the arts in our community, but it's the perfect way to meet interesting people just like you.

The Frist Center is extremely proud to have received the second round of the Excellence in Volunteer Engagement (EVE) certification, an initiative developed by the Metropolitan Nashville Mayor's Office to recognize high-quality volunteer management by nonprofits and to help increase the number of volunteers in Davidson County. It is the first such certification effort in the nation.

Contact: Ronny Criss, volunteer services manager, at 615.744.3329 or volunteer@fristcenter.org

[Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY](#)

Guggenheim Teen Volunteers assist adult staff and volunteers in our weekend Family Programs.

Assignments include being a liaison for families in the lobby at our Family Programs Kiosk and facilitating gallery activities in our Just Drop In! programs.

teenvolunteers@guggenheim.org

[McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX](#)

Teen Art Guides (TAGs) are a group of creative, quirky, interesting, dedicated high school juniors and seniors who love art! They volunteer during free Thursday nights, Saturday workshops, family programs, Teen Night, and College Night. TAGs learn about art, gain community service hours, plan teen programs, and generally help out where needed.

Contact: Call 210.805.1725 or email visitors@mcnayart.org

[Museum of Latin American Art, Long Beach, CA](#)

MOLAA's Teen Program includes:

- Participation in art workshops at Educational events and festivals on Target Free Sundays
- Participation in Summer Art Camp as camp counselors
- Ability to take a more active role in training new teen volunteers

Be a part of the Student Program

Contact: 562.437.1689 Ext. 119, or e-mail: sbeckley@molaa.org

[National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC](#)

Student volunteers assist with clerical and administrative tasks that support the department's education programs. Typical activities include preparing materials for art projects, data entry, photocopying, collating, filing, and assisting during teacher programs.

Candidates for the Teen Volunteer Program must be rising juniors or seniors with a mature, positive attitude and a strong work ethic. The schedule will vary weekly, based on the number of projects to be completed. The time commitment can range from four to eight hours per week, with periodic weekend

work as well. Service hours will be documented and may be submitted for school-based community service credits.

Contact: Sarah Diallo, museum educator for family and teen programs, at (202) 842-6252.

teens@nga.gov

[New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA](#)

NOMA welcomes high school students to volunteer to meet their required service hours. Students must be 16 years of age or older. The opportunities for students change regularly depending on the needs of various departments and the number of students already enrolled to volunteer at NOMA.

Volunteer Teen Camp Counselors

NOMA seeks enthusiastic, hard-working, creative teen volunteers to become art camp counselors.

Volunteering in NOMA's summer art camps provides teens with professional experience in an art classroom environment. Teens will not only learn more about art, but will also have the opportunity to discover different museum career opportunities and earn valuable community service experience.

Time commitments: June and/or July, Monday-Friday, from 8:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. or 12:30 p.m.–4:45 p.m., plus additional orientation day

Contact: Pamela Buckman at 504-658-4153 or pbuckman@noma.org

[The Contemporary Austin, Austin, TX](#)

The Teen Volunteers program is available for young people ages 13–18 at the Art School. Volunteers aid the instructor by facilitating instruction, help with any children that need extra assistance, and provide help during snacks and supervision on breaks.

Volunteers may apply to assist on Saturdays during the school year or on weekdays during summer, spring, and winter breaks. Volunteers attend a mandatory orientation and assist for the duration of a class, typically four to five, 3.5-hour-long sessions.

Teen Volunteers participate exclusively at the Art School at Laguna Gloria year-round, with extended offerings in the summer.

asintern@thecontemporaryaustin.org

[The James A. Michener Art Museum, Doylestown, PA](#)

We are seeking responsible, hard-working and creative volunteers in grades 9-12 to become Counselors-in-Training (CITs) at the Michener Art Museum's many summer classes. CITs will work with Michener summer camp staff and gain unique experience working with children ages 5 through grade 8 in an arts classroom setting. Volunteering at the Michener is an excellent way to learn about art, and add valuable community service experience to your National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, college applications and resume.

Contact: 215.340.9800 ext. 126

[The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA](#)

Teen Volunteers (15 – 18) assist in a variety of departments within the MFA including Education, Lectures and Concerts, Development, and Libraries and Archives. The experience is one of enrichment where Museum staff members form a mentoring relationship with the volunteer. Teens also have the opportunity to attend workshops facilitated by Museum staff with other teens that are involved with the Museum.

Also, volunteer opportunities at the Museum of Fine Arts are designed to provide long-term/ongoing support to the operations of the Museum. Therefore, we do not offer short-term volunteer

opportunities which accommodate or satisfy the variety of volunteer/service learning/community service requirements of many high schools. Please visit here for more information.

volunteer@mfa.org

[The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX](#)

Although most volunteer openings at the MFAH are geared toward adults, certain events are perfect for younger volunteers (ages of 13 to 17). Some of these activities include family days at the Museum and Bayou Bend; the annual Holiday Party for Museum members; and the annual Children's Party at Bayou Bend.

Contact vol@mfa.org or 713.639.7507 for more details.

[Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC](#)

WAM Teen Art Guides (TAG) is an after-school volunteer program for Guilford County teens in grades 9-12. Participants learn about the museum-behind-the-scenes; get first-hand career experience via interaction with Weatherspoon's staff; and develop strategies for sharing the museum with the public.

Contact: Terri Dowell-Dennis at t_dowell@uncg.edu or 336-256-1449.

[Young At Art Museum, Davie, FL](#)

Volunteering is a great opportunity for you to help support our mission of creating "inspiring, interactive experiences in which art is central to shaping young minds and enriching our community."

Volunteers at YAA experience the excitement of using art for hands-on learning while helping the museum serve 300,000 children and adult visitors each year.

Whether you are a high school student looking for community service hours or an adult looking to share your life experience, Young At Art Museum is a perfect match. Bring your unique talents and sense of wonder-filled discovery. Join your friends or gain new ones while you make a significant contribution to YAA and the community.

Contact: volunteer@youngatartmuseum.org

Historical Museums

[Atlanta History center, Atlanta, GA](#)

Atlanta students have never had a better opportunity to be involved in our city's dynamic history than with the Atlanta History Center's Junior Interpreter Program. This program allows students in 6th through 12th grade to volunteer as first person interpreters in period costume at the Smith Family Farm and the Swan House. To learn more about this fun program, check out our FAQ sheet.

Contact: rfink@atlantahistorycenter.com

[Elmhurst Historical Museum, Elmhurst, IL](#)

At the Summer Fun & Games family program, young visitors create a thematic craft and visit the Elmhurst Historical Museum galleries to learn more about history. High school volunteers play an important role in the program: interacting with families, and assisting with craft-making and gallery activities. The program takes place on Tuesdays, June 23-July 28, 2015 from Noon-2:00 p.m. Fun & Games is a perfect opportunity for high school volunteers to learn more about museum, education and customer-centered careers, and give back to the community in the process.

Volunteers will have different roles during the Fun & Games program, including:

- Check In: welcome visitors and handle payments.
- Orientation: welcome and orient visitors.
- Mentor: explain craft instructions, link to the lesson plan, motivate kids' involvement at stationed table.
- Quartermaster: manage craft supplies, assist kids in selecting their supplies.
- Photographer: photograph kids creating crafts and visiting the galleries.
- Picnic Assistant: assist families who are picnicking on Museum grounds, and welcome them to program.
- Gallery Assistant: assist museum staff in leading kid-friendly explorations of exhibit

Contact: EHMprograms@elmhurst.org

[Gibson House Yolo County Historical Museum, Woodland, CA](#)

We accept youth volunteers working towards service hours for their school. Teens usually help with displays, maintenance, computer programming and special events. Youth volunteers must be 16 years of age or older.

ychemoffice@sbcglobal.net

[Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle, Doylestown, PA](#)

High school students can discover Mercer Museum & Library and Fonthill Castle through the Mercer Apprentice Program (MAP). The Mercer Apprentice Program (MAP) is designed to offer teen volunteers (ages 15-18) an opportunity to work in a museum environment while developing leadership, communication, and research skills useful for life beyond high school. Whether your interests are history, art, or youth education this program has something for you!

Members of MAP volunteer at least 5 hours a month assisting family and youth programs, participating in service activities, research projects, collections, and other events.

Contact: 215-345-0210 ext. 125 or email mjay@mercermuseum.org

[Mesa Historical Museum, Mesa, AZ](#)

Youth Volunteers: We accept youth volunteers working towards service hours for National Honor Society, high school diploma honors, etc. Teens usually help at the front desk and/or with special events. Must be 14 years of age or older.

Contact: (480) 835-2286, or martha@mesahistoricalmuseum.org

[Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN](#)

Students 14 years of age or older are encouraged to volunteer at the Society. They are required to provide a one year commitment, contribute 25 or more hours and volunteer at their scheduled time. The Society looks for student volunteers who enjoy working with people, are friendly, enjoy learning new things, and would like to increase their job skills. Many use this experience to help prepare them for college or further education.

Contact us at volunteerservices@mnhs.org

[National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA](#)

Volunteering at the National Constitution Center is a great way to get involved in your community while learning more about America's constitutional history. Plus, you can build your résumé and enhance your public-speaking skills.

Volunteers play an essential role at the museum. By contributing your time and knowledge, you can learn something new, share what you already know, meet new people, and have fun!

Contact: volunteer@constitutioncenter.org or call the Human Resources Department at 215.409.6691

[Seward House Historic Museum, Auburn, NY](#)

Volunteers gain valuable work experience as they help staff the Information Desk on Saturdays and during the summer. Teen volunteers also assist staff with education programs during the summer months.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Joyce Cavanaugh at volunteer@sewardhouse.org

[Sumter County Museum, Sumter, SC](#)

The Junior Docent Program

Special Programs

- Carolina Backcountry Days as costumed demonstrators
- Christmas Open House
- Annual Friends of the Museum meeting
- Evening or weekend lectures, classes and exhibit openings

Tour Guide

- House tours
- Costumed Carolina Backcountry Homestead guide

Archives

- Data entry
- Arranging collections of books, historic documents, letters, papers, etc.
- Office work
- Archival work
- Helping patrons with research

Contact: information@sumtercountymuseum.org Phone 803-775-0908

[Tampa Bay History Center, Tampa, FL](#)

Teens volunteers (ages 15-18) work alongside museum staff, assisting with summer camps and/or special events; serving as floor hosts in the galleries; helping with children's craft activities during public programs; or researching for various ongoing projects. Volunteering at the History Center provides students with a unique opportunity to learn what happens "behind-the-scenes" at a museum, make new friends, and to gain valuable experience in a work setting.

Contact Jennifer Tyson, Curator of Education, at jtyson@tampabayhistorycenter.org or 813-675-8981.

Zoos and Aquariums

[Fort Worth Zoo, Fort Worth, TX](#)

Weekday Home School Volunteers: This program provides local home-schooled teens, ages 12 to 17, the opportunity to assist our Zoo Preschool teachers. They help set up, clean up and assist students with crafts and excursions into the Zoo. Volunteers come in once a week for half of the day.

Summer Volunteer Program: Summer Volunteers (students entering grades nine through 12 for the 2015 – 2016 school year) spend one week during the summer assisting staff with Summer Zoo Camps. Camps run Monday through Friday from June to August.

Contact: phone: 817-759-7200; fax: 817-759-7201; email: education@fortworthzoo.org

[National Aviary, Pittsburgh, PA](#)

The National Aviary teen volunteer program is open to students who will be 14-17 years old by June 1, 2016. Teens help us to advance our mission during our busiest season of the year. Students gain valuable skills and avian knowledge while experiencing the daily life of a bird zoo. Teens typically volunteer one day a week during summer break. They serve as docents and show ushers but do not have direct contact with the birds during their first season. Docents educate guests and monitor birds. Volunteers support our educators by serving as outreach assistants. Teens interested in education or childhood development may also choose to work as a Summer Camp Assistant. These volunteers will be assigned to work at least one full week of camp. Camp Assistants help National Aviary educators with camp lessons and activities.

[Saint Louis Zoo, St. Louis, MO](#)

Zoo ALIVE is the Saint Louis Zoo's volunteer educator program for high school age students. (ALIVE stands for Active Leaders In Volunteer Education.) Zoo ALIVE volunteers:

Help Education Department staff members deliver weekend programs for children -- including preschool classes, youth programs, and scout overnights.

Lead educational activities for Zoo visitors.

Help with our awesome summer camp program, Camp KangaZoo.

Assist with birthday parties, and outreach programs.

Go on hiking and camping trips to explore nature and wildlife.

Help with the Zoo's conservation programs.

Learn all about the Zoo, its animals, and more!

Contact Eve Cooney, Youth Programs Coordinator, at (314) 646-4563, or e-mail at cooney@stlzoo.org

[Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center, Virginia Beach, VA](#)

Youth Volunteer Opportunities:

Changing Exhibits Gallery Host

Guest Services Assistant

Junior Docent

Nature Play Place Docent

Summer Camp Assistant

Toddler Program Assistant

Water Quality Lab Assistant

Wildflower Garden Assistant

Contact: aquavols@virginiaaquarium.com

Theme Museums

[Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Tucson, AZ](#)

Through exploration, research and teaching others, youth in the Desert Museum's Teen Conservation Leadership Corps develop awareness and understanding of conservation issues and gain critical thinking and communication skills which will empower them to become leaders for our shared planet.

Our teen program has two tiers:

Earth Ambassadors (\$400 fee)

Junior Docents (\$200 fee)

[Chippewa Valley Museum, Eau Claire, WI](#)

288 people of all ages (age 13 through 90) volunteered more than 10,000 hours last year.

The museum relies on volunteers in these important areas:

Visitor Services — Front Desk, Museum Store, Ice Cream Parlor, and staffing historic buildings

Public programming — helping with events and programs for adults and children

Marketing — everything from putting together mailings to designing surveys to web mastery

Design — several tasks, from scanning photographs to building exhibits

Curatorial — cleaning and categorizing artifacts, database work

Library — original research cataloguing items, cross-referencing, database work

Education — Specially trained volunteers who teach at the museum are called docents.

Each year, several dozen teenagers contract with the museum as Teen Guides during the summer months. Collectively, they work more than 500 hours staffing the School House and Log House and providing support for design, education, and programming.

Contact Jill York at (715) 834-7871, or email at j.york@cvmuseum.com

[Coral Gables Museum, Coral gables, FL](#)

Opportunities include: Staff support at First Friday Gallery Night, Family Day on Aragon and at Museum sponsored special events, lectures and discussions; administrative help with mailings and special projects; staff support for our popular City Trekker Camps presented throughout the year and staffing at outreach events. Also, volunteers can join our Museum docent corps, guiding exhibit tours and Saturday morning walking tours of downtown Coral Gables.

You must be at 14 years of age to volunteer at the Coral Gables Museum.

Contact: Ellen Dyer, Volunteer and Membership Coordinator, 305-603-8067 or

ellen@coralgablesmuseum.org

[Hagley Museum & Library, Wilmington, DE](#)

Youth Volunteer Opportunities include working & learning in the E.I. du Pont Garden (15 years and older), Special Events (16 years and older), Science Saturdays (training required 15 years and older), and a new teen program starting in fall 2015.

E.I. Du Pont Garden (age 15+): Maintain all trees, shrubs, perennials annuals, bulbs, and vegetables in the restored garden at the du Pont family residence under the direct supervision of the horticultural specialist. Maintain all areas of the garden and its surroundings. The garden is in a public area, so there will be some contact with museum visitors.

Special Events: Held throughout the year! see individual events for availability

Science Saturdays: Inspire, challenge, and teach kids and families about science and innovation! Science Saturdays involve interactive hands-on activities, demonstrations, and challenges about a new science concept each week. Volunteers will interact, communicate, and engage with visitors – both adults and children- and will work with a team of volunteers and staff.

Contact Angela Williamson at (302) 658-2400, ext. 257, or awilliamson@hagley.org

[Hiller Aviation Museum, San Carlos, CA](#)

Hundreds of volunteers, from teens to seniors, are critical to the Library. They work in all the locations and perform vital jobs.

As valued members of the CLP team, volunteers learn about our many programs-and they're constantly exposed to ideas, books, book lovers, and authors. It's a great way to serve your community while meeting interesting people and expanding your horizons.

jen@hiller.org Phone: 650-654-0200 Ext 219

[Museum of Tolerance, Los Angeles, CA](#)

New teen program for high school students grades 9-12, includes: an Independent Museum Exploration and Education Journal, Volunteering as a Teen Docent at the MOT, a Community Service/Social Justice Project

Fulfills community service requirements

Applications are being accepted throughout the year

One year commitment

Minimum 50 volunteer hours per year

Contact: Director, Museum Volunteer Services at 310.772.2510 or e-mail:

volunteer@museumoftolerance.com

[National Museum of the Marine Corps, Triangle, VA](#)

Highly motivated students between the ages of 16 to 18 are invited to become part of the exciting National Museum of the Marine Corps Teen Volunteer Program. Teen Volunteers are museum volunteers trained to help museum visitors better understand and appreciate the history of the United States Marine Corps. The NMMC Teen Volunteer Program provides two different opportunities to get involved: Teen Visitor Services Volunteer, who greets and orients visitors, or as a Teen Interpretive Program participant, who provides hands-on history carts through our galleries. If up to the challenge, a teen could apply for both programs on a case-by-case basis.

Becoming a Teen Volunteer is an opportunity for teenagers to explore history, develop skills in leadership, time management and public speaking, while at the same time making a significant contribution to the community.

Contact: Michele Flynn at 703-784-4469 / 703-296-8446 or e-mail michele.r.flynn@usmc.mil or Jack Oblein at 703-432-2622 email jack.oblein@usmc.mil

[Sheets Wildlife Museum and Learning Center, Huntington, IN](#)

Volunteers should be outgoing, articulate, have the ability to think quickly on their feet, and enjoy learning about the world around them. Candidates should demonstrate a strong interest in the natural sciences and/or the field of early childhood education. Teens must have completed one year of high school and be between the ages of 14 and 19 years old.

Contact the executive director, Lauren Winterfeld at 260-356-9453 or email sheetswildlife@gmail.com

[The Columbus Museum, Columbus, GA](#)

Second Saturday

The volunteer will help distribute supplies for art crafts and assist families and children as needed. Volunteers may also be tasked with assisting with gallery activities during the event.

Homeschool Workshop

The volunteers will be assisting a contracted instructor with art activities in the classroom, prepping supplies and helping children when needed.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair Event

The volunteers will be assisting children and families with creating art at the drop-in art activity stations at the Barnes & Noble Book Fair.

Columbus Library Book Fair

Volunteers will assist with all day drop-in art activities for children at the Chattahoochee Valley Library's Book Fair at the main branch location.

Fall Festival

Volunteers are asked to help with art activities, assist with the costume contest, touch stations and more. Volunteers will also be assisting with set up and break down of the Fall Festival space. Full day volunteers will receive a free lunch.

GAEA Evening Event

Volunteer duties will include welcoming and directing educators through the museum, monitoring and assisting with supplies at art making stations, and wherever else they may be needed.

Museum Greeter

The Museum Greeter volunteer is stationed in the front lobby to engage guests upon entering. The volunteer will inform the guest of the latest exhibitions, give directions to galleries, and provide information about any upcoming exhibitions. They are the face of the Museum and make visitors feel welcome.

Other Opportunities may include:

Volunteering with different museum departments, such as Design, Curatorial or Development.

Contact: Kirsten Dunn at kdunn@columbusmuseum.com or 706-748-2562 ext. 654

[The Corning Museum of Glass, NY](#)

Teen volunteers can be found assisting visitors through the facility, working alongside the Education Department during events, helping children with crafts at Family Night, and much more.

In addition to fulfilling community service hours and looking great on college applications, volunteering at The Corning Museum of Glass is a great way for teens to gain insight into potential careers and interests. Many of our teen volunteers move on to become Junior Curators and Explainers.

Opportunities are available after school, weekends, during school breaks, and all summer long.

volunteers@cmog.org

[The Health Museum, Houston, TX](#)

Summer Discovery Camp Assistant Intern: Students, ages 16 - 18 (by June 1), have the opportunity to work one-on-one with a dynamic science educator in camps relating to medicine, forensic science, sports and more. Each camp requires a youth volunteer to support the needs of our young campers.

Summer Youth Volunteers: Students, ages 15 - 17 (by June 1), begin a relationship with the museum by committing to a 37 hour week of service, Monday through Friday between June and August 2015. A

select number of youth volunteers are asked to support the staff in key day-to-day visitor operations and help manage summer field trips

Youth Groups: There are several opportunities a year for groups to assist with large mailings, stuffing goodie bags or helping with special events. Service organizations are welcome to inquire about episodic volunteer opportunities for groups.

For questions about the Summer Youth or Group Volunteering, email volunteer@thehealthmuseum.org

[The Hershey Story, Hershey, PA](#)

Museum Experience Volunteer: Share the unique history of Hershey with guests in the museum exhibit areas. Assist guests with exhibit interactives, interact with guests participating in the “Apprentice Program “, answer questions relating to The Hershey Story and exhibit content. Minimum Age: 16

Visitor Experience Volunteer: Provide a hearty welcome to visitors to The Hershey Story. Visitor Experience Volunteers are needed to man the museum’s admissions desk and other entrance areas.

Accept tickets from guests before they enter the Museum Experience or the Special Exhibit Gallery, assist guests in planning their visit to the Hershey Story or other Hershey attractions. Minimum Age: 16

Contact: Debbie DiNunzio at DDiNunzio@hersheystory.org or (717) 508-5958

Past Master (youth volunteer): Spend your summer doing something worthwhile and gain valuable pre-job experience! Apply for The Hershey Story’s popular “Past Master” program. Past Masters are volunteers ages 12 to 15 who provide assistance and special activities for summer visitors.

Contact: Lois Miklas (717.520.5587) or lmiklas@hersheystory.org

[The Mariners’ Museum and Park, Newport News, VA](#)

Ages 14-18: The position involves interaction with visitors to the Museum. The individual must be comfortable speaking in front of an audience and communicating with a variety of ages. The position involves daily interaction with school groups and the general public, helping to provide assistance with summer programming including but not limited to “Maritime Mondays,” assisting with the Activity Ship, and hands on experiments in the galleries. Each Junior Volunteer will also be assisting our educator staff when giving public presentations, helping to set-up and clean-up as necessary.

Contact: Lauren T. Furey, at (757) 591-7747 or lfurey@marinersmuseum.org

[The Museum of Flight, Seattle, WA](#)

The Museum of Flight is always looking for skilled, motivated, dedicated employees and volunteers.

Select each item to see a full description of what each job would entail. Please contact us about volunteering if you have questions about these or any other possible opportunities.

To apply, please contact volunteers@museumofflight.org

[The National WWII Museum, New Orleans, LA](#)

The Victory Corps is The National WWII Museum’s newest volunteering opportunity, seeking middle and high school students, ages 13 – 17, with a passion for history and a passion for learning. Victory Corps volunteers will provide enrichment and engagement as they bring the history of the Second World War to life through the handling of actual World War II artifacts and the leading of fun, interactive activities with Museum guests. Victory Corps volunteers will also play an active role in the shaping and development of the volunteer program to ensure that it fully reflects the interests of its participants.

Offering leading, learning, presentation and serving opportunities for participants and broadening the overall Museum experience for guests, The National WWII Museum is looking for motivated, proactive

students possessed of both exceptional character and exceptional curiosity about the world around them to compose the next class of Victory Corps volunteers!

Contact Shelbie Johnson at 504-528-1944 x 425, or e-mail shelbie.johnson@nationalww2museum.org

[Virginia Living Museum, Newport News, VA](#)

Volunteers at the Virginia Living Museum work with staff members to promote conservation by teaching the beauty and uniqueness of Virginia's many habitats. They can be found helping in the public parts of the museum or behind the scenes working to maintain the high level of quality care we provide for our animals. No matter what the service, volunteers are an asset to the Virginia Living Museum. In fact, volunteers outnumber paid staff five to one. Whether you enjoy working with the public, prefer engaging with plant and animal life, or are seeking to acquire skills in communication or husbandry, the Virginia Living Museum has it all!

Ages 15 and above: Applicable positions: Astronomy, Exhibit Interpreter, Horticulture, Museum Store.

Ages 16 and above: Applicable positions: Astronomy, Exhibit Interpreter, Horticulture, Museum Store, Classroom Assistant.

Ages 11-14 with parent/guardian: Applicable Positions are: Exhibit Interpreter; must be age 13 with parent for Touch Tank.

Contact the Volunteer Services office at 757-534-7428 or e-mail: volunteer@thevlm.org

General Museums

[Anchorage Museum, Anchorage, AK](#)

Become an interpretive guide at the Anchorage Museum, by helping visitors understand and interact with the various topics and content presented through our many exhibitions and galleries. As an interpretive guide you will perform fun, informative demonstrations, handle and show live reptiles and marine animals, give tours, and lead hands-on activities throughout the museum. Training and staff support will be provided to prepare you for your new and exciting interpretative role.

For more information on becoming a volunteer, call (907) 929-9259 or e-mail volunteer@anchagemuseum.org

[Bruce Museum, Greenwich, CT](#)

The Bruce Museum offers many opportunities to get teens involved. The Bruce Museum's Youth Committee, Youth@Bruce, and the Junior Educator Program give teens a chance to get on-the-job experience in a wide variety of fields.

Junior Educator Program

The Junior Educator Program is a paid after-school program for students entering grades 9 through 12 with a strong interest in science, art, education, or careers in museums. Junior Educators teach inquiry-based and hands-on afterschool art and science programs at the Bruce Museum for visiting student groups. Participating students have exciting opportunities to:

- Delve into art and science at the Bruce Museum

- Develop and hone their teaching and classroom management skills

- Get career guidance from museum professionals

- Visit museums throughout the Connecticut and New York region

Junior Educators are required to attend all training sessions at the Bruce Museum on selected Monday afternoons during the school year from 3:45-4:45pm

Youth@Bruce

The Bruce Museum Youth Committee is a student-based volunteer group designed to empower area high school students to become active volunteers at the Bruce Museum. Its mission is to elevate the volunteer experience for dedicated high school volunteers by engaging them in learning and managing opportunities that provide the teens with job skills and a visible role in the Bruce Museum. To learn more about our program, visit our website: <http://youthbruce.com>.

Also visit <http://youthbruce.com> for more information on Youth@Bruce Talks event.

Contact Mary Ann Lendenmann, Volunteer Program Manager, at 203-413-6746; or by email

mlendenmann@brucemuseum.org

[Cincinnati Museum Center, Cincinnati, OH](#)

Cincinnati Museum Center's Youth Programs began in 1989 when two teens started volunteering in the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History & Science. Hundreds have gone through the program since then, developing the knowledge and confidence it takes to greet visitors, interpret exhibits and mentor others. An outstanding 99 percent of Youth Program graduates go on to enroll in a 4-year college, 80 percent receiving scholarships or financial aid.

Museum Center's Youth Programs are designed to enhance the creativity, confidence and success of its members. Through participation in workshops, field trips, college visits, volunteerism and other learning opportunities, participants in Youth Programs are well-prepared for success in high school, college and beyond.

Students may begin volunteering at age 13—well past the age of early childhood educational needs—and are trained to have an impact on Museum Center’s youngest visitors. Youth Programs participants are taught early childhood theory, developing and presenting educational demonstrations to the visitors. By training our students how to interact and teach our young visitors, Museum Center is excelling in its role as an “investor in community early childhood education.”
Contact Youth Programs at 513-287-7000 ext. 2373 or youthprograms@cincymuseum.org

[High Desert Museum, Bend, OR](#)

Have you ever wondered what it’s like to portray a frontier homesteader, give talks about wildlife or work behind-the-scenes at the Museum?

These are just some of the things teen volunteers do as they gain in-depth knowledge about the cultural and natural history of the High Desert, and how to inspire visitors to become good stewards of the region’s resources. This program for ages 11 to 18 offers valuable work experience, allowing teens to assist in almost every area of the Museum.

Teen volunteers receive training focusing on customer service and techniques for sharing information with visitors. The program is designed so that teens can advance in their Museum work as they improve their skills and increase their understanding of the Museum.

The program requires a yearlong commitment.

Contact Erica Pelley, Associate Curator of Education at epelley@highdesertmuseum.org

[Museum of Art and Sciences, Macon, GA](#)

High School Volunteers

High school students must be at least 14 years old to volunteer. Volunteer program opportunities for students begin twice a year in September and April. Volunteer opportunities for adults begin in September and January. Please note that we, unfortunately are not able to provide court-ordered volunteer opportunities for students or adults.

Mini-Zoo Teen Volunteering

Our goal in the Mini-Zoo is to provide a learning environment for teens in which they can develop skills for life-long success. Applicants must be at least 14 years old by the application deadline. Due to the nature of our program and the hands-on training that it entails, we do not offer one-time community service opportunities for school or court-appointed teens.

Keeper Assistants help with the daily maintenance of the animals and Educators offer information to guests.

Recruitment for Zoo Crew members occurs each spring. Teen volunteers are required to commit 24 hours per month for a 3 month period (June, July, and August). In addition, teens must commit to help during one Family Day Event. After participating for at least one summer, teens 15 and older are eligible to apply in the fall to volunteer year round.

[The Works, Newark, OH](#)

Entry Level Teen Volunteer Opportunities: The following opportunities are available to teens who have completed the required training sessions.

First Floor Team

Special Events Team

Nomination/Application Teen Volunteer Opportunities: The following opportunities are available to teens who are either nominated by a member of The Works Staff or have completed a required application process.

Teen Mentors
Education Team
Gallery Team

Volunteering at The Works is a year-round, open-ended commitment and Volunteers are asked to service a minimum of one shift per month.

Contact: allisongalbari@attheworks.org

[Washington County Museum, Hillsboro, OR](#)

Teens will be trained as camp helpers and commit to helping with one or more week-long camps during summer, winter & spring breaks. Additional volunteer opportunities will be available throughout the school year after completion of training.

Job duties and responsibilities include:

Complete camp volunteer training (3 hrs).

Assist camp leaders in preparing crafts, lessons and recreational activities.

Participate in all camp activities with a positive attitude.

Accompany campers to restroom facilities.

Act as recess assistant at the park.

Contact: info@washingtoncountymuseum.org or call 503-645-5353.