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Coastal Discovery Museum Junior Volunteer Application Summer 2023



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Yes! I am 16 or older (or will be by June 15th).

Emergency Contact / Legal Guardian Contact Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Requirements:

- Commit to a regular weekly schedule from early June through early/mid-August.
- Communicate clearly and efficiently with Museum staff throughout the summer.
- Ability to work completely unsupervised.
- Arrive on time every week.
- Comfortable and confident speaking with people of all ages.
- Take the initiative to approach guests and communicate in a friendly & positive manner.
- Enjoy working with others and interested in Lowcountry wildlife.
- Willing to learn more about Lowcountry wildlife.
- Have fun! This should be an enjoyable experience for Jr. Volunteers.

There are limited Jr. Volunteer positions available. Jr. Volunteer applicants will be interviewed in-person or over Zoom by a Museum staff member. Jr. Volunteers will receive training on their first scheduled volunteer date.

Jr Volunteer Opportunities

Critter Meet and Greet

The Coastal Discovery Museum's casual animal "Meet and Greet" offers guests of all ages the opportunity to learn about the alligators, snakes, turtles, lizards, and a few other fun critters that share Hilton Head Island with us. Guests can see animals up close, get hands-on and hold a critter or two, take pictures of or with your favorite critters, and learn more about these amazing animals and how to safely share the Lowcountry with them.

Jr Volunteer Animal Handlers: Outdoor, on your feet, 2-hour shift. Take the initiative to engage with guests of all ages in a friendly manner. Learn about Lowcountry reptiles and share accurate info with guests. Explain how to properly touch and hold animals. Handle turtles and chickens with guests. Possibly handle snakes and alligators with guests. Work with summer interns and other volunteers.

Exploratory Laboratory

Exploring the Coastal Discovery Museum's Discovery Lab is a fun and educational activity for all ages! Guests have the opportunity to observe live alligators, horseshoe crabs, frogs, turtles, and more; touch and examine shells, bones, teeth, and molts; discover a smaller world of mystery under the microscope; learn through crafts, games, and interactive hands-on displays.

Jr Volunteer Greeters: Outdoor (covered), sitting and/or standing, 2.5-hour shift. Welcoming guests and explain Discovery Lab experience. Collects entrance fee and check-in preregistered guests.

Jr Volunteer Hosts: Indoor, on your feet, 2.5-hour shift. Take the initiative to start conversations and share info with guests all ages. Willing to learn more about Lowcountry wildlife and share accurate info with guests. Work with 1-2 Museum volunteers.

Butterfly Learning Station

Populated with native butterflies and flora, a visit to the Karen Wertheimer Butterfly Habitat is a favorite Hilton Head Island activity. This garden and butterfly exhibit is filled with nectar plants to feed the butterflies as well as host plants where butterflies lay their eggs and caterpillars feed. Visit the Butterfly Learning Station to learn more about butterflies including the four stages of the butterfly's life cycle from eggs, caterpillars, and chrysalises, to adults.

Jr Volunteers: Outdoor, on your feet, 1.5-hour shift. Learn about a few common butterfly species. Set up and clean up station supplies. Take the initiative to start conversations and share info with guests all ages.

Photographer

The Coastal Discovery Museum is looking for Jr. Volunteers, with some photography experience, to photograph the Museum grounds, wildlife, guests & volunteers during Museum educational experiences (indoors and outdoors), etc. Please describe your photography experience in the Question section.

Jr Volunteers: Work with Museum staff to create volunteer schedule (different days each week), ask guests to sign photo release, take photos, digital share with Museum staff. Work independently.

What type of camera(s) do you have available to use? _____ .

Have you used a DSLR camera? YES / NO

Questions

Why do you want to volunteer at the Coastal Discovery Museum?

What strengths, skills, and/or experiences do you have that make you an excellent volunteer?

Other comments:

Availability and Preferences

Available Start Date: _____ Last Available Date of the Summer: _____

Dates Off Needed (example: I am going on vacation June 2-8): _____

**Number the volunteer opportunities in preference order.
Leave blank if you are Not Available or Not Interested.**

- _____ Exploratory Laboratory - Greeter / Mondays, 1:45-4:15pm
- _____ Exploratory Laboratory - Host / Monday, 1:45-4:15pm
- _____ Exploratory Laboratory - Greeter / Wednesday, 1:45-4:15pm
- _____ Exploratory Laboratory - Host / Wednesday, 1:45-4:15pm
- _____ Critter Meet & Greet - Animal Handler / Wednesdays, 9:10-11:10am
- _____ Critter Meet & Greet - Animal Handler / Wednesday, 10:50-12:50pm
- _____ Critter Meet & Greet - Animal Handler / Friday, 9:10-11:10am
- _____ Critter Meet & Greet - Animal Handler / Friday, 10:50-12:50pm
- _____ Butterfly Learning Station / Wednesday, 9:45-11:15am
- _____ Butterfly Learning Station / Friday, 9:45-11:15am
- _____ Photographer / Random days and times each week.

Please describe your ideal volunteer schedule (examples: I would like to volunteer for both Critter Meet and Greet shifts on Friday. I would like to volunteer for only 1 shift on one day each week. I would like to volunteer multiple days. Etc.): _____

Other Comments:

Return to:

Dawn Brut / dbrut@coastaldiscovery.org

Coastal Discovery Museum, 70 Honey Horn Drive, Hilton Head, SC 29926

Liability Waiver

In consideration for being allowed to participate in Museum Programs (Activity) as a Junior Volunteer, I release from liability and waive my right to sue The Coastal Discovery Museum, their employees, officers, volunteers and agents (collectively "Museum") from any and all claims, including claims of the Museum's, resulting in any physical injury, illness (including death) or economic loss I may suffer or which may result from my participation in this Internship, travel to and from the activity, or any events incidental to this activity".

I recognize that as a volunteer, I am voluntarily participating in this Activity. I understand that there are risks associated with my participation in this Activity such as physical and/or psychological injury, pain, suffering, illness, disfigurement, temporary or permanent disability, death or economic loss. These injuries or outcomes may arise from my own or other's actions, inactions, or negligence, or the condition of the Activity location(s) or facility(ies). Nonetheless, I assume all risks of my participation in this Activity, whether known or unknown to me, including travel to and from the Activity (including air travel) or any events incidental to this Activity."

I agree to hold the Museum harmless from any and all claims, loss or damage to my personal property, liabilities and costs, including attorney's fees, as a result of my participation in this Activity, including travel to and from the Activity or any events incidental to this Activity. In particular I agree to be responsible for any of my own medical expenses that may result from this Activity.

I have read this document, and I am signing it freely. I understand the legal consequences of signing this document, including (a) releasing the Museum from all liability, (b) waiving my right to sue the Museum, (c) and assuming all risks of participating in this Activity, including travel to and from the Activity or any events incidental to this Activity.

Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature (if under the age of 18)

Date