

Nature Ambassador

JOB SUMMARY

Fontenelle Forest's Education Department is seeking volunteers to engage with guests by hosting curated interpretive nature stations! Utilize a prepared assortment of materials from our collections room to spark a deeper interest in connecting to the natural world. Sample topics include:

- Butterflies and moths
- Fontenelle's Trading Post
- Snapping turtles

This adaptable position is perfect for folks who are looking for a flexible, nature-oriented volunteer opportunity. Stations may be set up indoors or outdoors, depending on weather conditions and volunteer preference.

This volunteer position requires direct interaction and communication with guests and staff.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Set up and put away station materials, which may include:
 - Artifacts (i.e. pelts, antlers, specimen mounts)
 - Diagrams, reference materials, maps, etc.
 - Coloring and/or activity sheets
 - Tablecloth
- Engage guests by sharing information about station materials and answering questions as needed
- Facilitate a welcoming, supportive environment for guests to learn together
- Communicate with education staff member(s) to arrange station topic, location, time, and date.
- Document volunteer hours and number of table visitors for recording purposes

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minimum age: 18
- Ability to communicate spoken information well with Forest staff and guests of all ages and backgrounds
- Demonstrates an appreciation, curiosity, and respect for the natural world
- Willing and able to stand, walk, and perform minor physical labor (i.e. lifting up to 15lbs, setting up and taking down chairs and/or small tables) in indoor and/or outdoor settings
- Ability to volunteer quarterly in at least 1-hour long shifts

ORIENTATION & TRAINING

- Volunteer 101
- Collections orientation and tour
- Interpretation training