



## School/Youth Group Field Trip Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for passionate and enthusiastic School and Youth Group Field Trip Volunteers at the Food + Farm Exploration Center. This critically important position provides customer service and guidance to schools, youth groups, adult visitors, and families during their visit to ensure all guests have an excellent experience.

This opportunity will involve assisting the exploration center education team in preparing for field trip arrivals, aiding with activities, monitoring the Seedlings and Ag STEM Galleries, and helping reorganize and clean after field trip departure.

Field Trip Volunteer shifts are primarily on weekdays between 9am and 3pm with up to 2 people on each shift. The schedule will be in 2- to 4-hour blocks based on when we need assistance.

### Have Fun + Make a Difference

#### Experience

- Experience in agriculture is not required to be a volunteer.
- Must possess good communication skills for dealing with diverse personalities.
- Demonstrated commitment to our community of learners.
- Interest in and enthusiasm for science and technology and/or ag education is helpful, but not required.

#### Position Expectations/Responsibilities

- Assist lead teacher with field trip and lesson prep.
- Assist lead teacher with dig-in experiences (lessons) as needed (e.g. hand out materials, clean and prep spaces for incoming groups, help keep youth on task)
- Assist with open exploration time and help children (and FFEC visitors) properly work the exhibits and understand the educational concepts. Assist with scavenger hunts.
- Monitor and re-set the exhibit spaces, farm tech shed, kitchen lab, and makerspace during and after field trips as needed.
- Monitor and re-set lunch areas during and after lunches as needed.
- Talk to all visitors about our mission, engage and help monitor youth participants, and generally be a good public ambassador for our facility.
- Other duties as assigned.

#### Physical Demands:

- Able to stand and sit for long periods of time.
- Able to bend/squat to pick up items on the floor.
- Able to work with youth and visitors with a variety of needs and energy levels.

## Would you like to Volunteer?

If you are interested in this opportunity with Food + Farm Exploration Center, please complete the questionnaire found at this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/UikRk1sNAd>. After completing the survey, we will be in touch!

All volunteers must pass a background check due to children on-site.

## Exploration Center Commitments

- Free all-u-can-drink Ruby drip coffee from the Colorful Plate Café!
- The Food + Farm Exploration Center will work around your schedule.
- Organizations are welcome to volunteer to achieve required service hours.
- The Food + Farm Exploration Center will provide effective training and guidance in your chosen area of interest. We believe effective, focused training, along with time, are essential to providing you, as a volunteer, a fulfilling, rewarding experience that makes you feel like you matter and do good work as part of our team and our community.

To learn more, please visit us at <https://explorefoodandfarm.org>



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policy and the way we do business at the Food + Farm Exploration Center and is an important principle of sound business management.