



Bloomsburg Children's Museum

Volunteer Opportunities

Special Events Volunteer:

- Position Description:** Assisting staff with a variety of activities: setting up refreshments, assisting visitors with crafts or games.
- Where & When:** Mostly Saturday afternoons, some weekday opportunities
- Skill Level:** Ability to work well with the public; friendly
- What You Gain:** Helping to make “the magic” happen behind the scenes and having the satisfaction of contributing to the children’s smiling faces. Meet new people and learn how large events are organized and run effectively.

Garden & Grounds Volunteer

- Position Description:** Caring for the museum’s Native Tree Garden and outdoor Butterfly Garden. Some regular activities include: planting, weeding, and watering; sweeping, raking, mulching; maintaining the wooden fences, pergola, and picnic tables; creating and installing garden signage.
- Where & When:** Seasonal, April through October; Butterfly Garden and Native Tree Garden on museum grounds
- Skill Level:** Beginner to Master Gardener, can be done solo or bring a friend
- Time Commitment:** Weekly for at least four weeks (1-2 hours) OR sign up for a single garden work day (monthly during growing season)
- What You Gain:** Peace & quiet outdoors in the museum’s beautiful gardens, surrounded by native tree species, herbs, pollinator friendly plants, and sculpture. Gaining beginner gardening skills or enhancing your existing skills. Knowing you’ve contributed to beautifying a space used by more than 22,000 children and parents each year.

Carpentry/ Shop Volunteer

- Position Description:** Assists exhibit committee and facilities committee with building both large and small structures to support exhibit safety and appearance. Must demonstrate ability to use power tools.
- Where & When:** Either occasional projects or join a project team for a more in-depth experience. Onsite at the museum. Some tools provided.
- Skill Level:** Some carpentry experience preferred
- Time Commitment:** Varies depending on the project, volunteer's choice
- What You Gain:** Working with experienced carpenters and technicians. Using creativity and teamwork to design exhibit solutions. Creating a lasting impact at the museum, providing exhibits for hands-on learning for ages 0-17

Mr. Fixit/ Ms. Fixit Volunteer

- Position Description:** Works with Lead Facilities Volunteers and museum staff to take care of small jobs around the museum to keep the exhibits and public areas working properly. Hanging chalkboards, changing light bulbs, repairing a banister or museum seating.
- Skill Level:** Basic experience with household-type care and repairs
- Time Commitment:** Can be seasonal and occasional or weekly
- What You Gain:** Meet new people, learn new skills, share your time and expertise to make the museum an outstanding experience for visitors both young and young at heart.

Event Photographer

- Position Description:** The Event Photographer shoots photos and video to capture those "aha moments" of discovery and family connection at special events and classes.
- Where & When:** During special events & programs, at the museum; Saturday afternoons 11-1pm, some weekday or weekend evenings during special events and programs
- Skill Level:** An interest in photography; some experience preferred.

Time Commitment: A Single Event 1-2 hours

What You Gain: Capture the memories made at the museum and have your creative work on view on the museum's website & social media. Be a part of the fun behind the scenes at events and meet new people.

Marketing Team Volunteer

Position Description: Work with the marketing committee to design posters, signs, ads, and other marketing materials. Create Facebook and Instagram posts and distribute fliers around town and to local schools.

Where & When: Can be done from home or onsite, marketing committee meets once/ month if interested.

Skill Level: Familiar working with digital files on the computer, sense of visual design, skilled with Publisher or willingness to learn.

What You Gain: Contribute to a team of active professionals in telling the museum's story and helping connect area children with exciting educational resources.

Docent / Exhibit Interpreter

Position Description: Gives short presentations to school groups in exhibit halls (training provided); presents during special events

Where & When: Most active during weekday mornings April, May, and June for field trips; onsite at the museum

Skill Level: Ability to work well with the public, prior experience teaching or working with children a plus

What You Gain: A chance to be "on stage" bringing the museum exhibits to life, from the Coal Mine to the Eastern Woodlands Longhouse to Nutrition & Dental Health and Susquehanna Greenway. Hone your interpretation skills and see the spark of excitement as children discover a new topic.

Gift Shop/ Front Desk Volunteer:

- Position Description:** Greet Guests, Operate cash register and computer for Admissions and Gift Shop Purchases
- Where & When:** Minimum commitment 12 weeks, onsite at the museum during open hours Tues. through Saturday 10am-4pm
- Skill Level:** Basic computer skills required, experience with cash register preferred
- What You Gain:** Meet new people and learn all the latest programs and happenings at the museum. Sharpen your professional skills interacting with the public as “the face” of the museum.

Collections Volunteer:

- Position Description:** Assist staff with sorting and organizing donated items and organizing and maintaining the museum collections storage area.
- Where & When:** At the museum, in storage areas
- Skill Level:** Beginner skills to advanced collections maintenance/organizing skills; ability to lift 30 lbs.
- What You Gain:** A sense of accomplishment in making the museum’s varied Education Collections accessible to a greater number of children. Share your knack for getting things organized to better a community-focused organization.

Summer Camp Assistant:

- Position Description:** Assisting Camp Instructor with preparing art supplies, setting up activities, assisting campers with activities during camp time.
- Where & When:** June, July, August between the hours of 9am-2pm Monday-Friday. Usually a single week of camp or more if desired.
- Skill Level:** Ability to work well with the public, prior experience working with children a plus.
- What You Gain:** Apply your interest in appreciating the arts to igniting that love for making art for local children. Experience in teaching art and sharing your passion and talent with others.