



# PHILIP J. CURRIE DINOSAUR MUSEUM

**Position:** Education Programs Assistant

**Organization:** Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum

**Type of Work:** Helping to supervise and lead activities for museum education programs

**Immediate Supervisor(s):** Education Coordinator and Instructor

**Time Span:** Weekdays; July & August (Day Camps), September-June (School Programs)

**Description:** Education programs are one of the most engaging and important aspects of life at the museum. Every year, hundreds of children ranging in age from preschool to high school come to the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum to participate in our education programs. At the museum we aim to provide as much of an enriching experience as possible, not only targeting grade-specific curriculum points, but striking up children's imaginations and inspiring them to learn more and care more about paleontology.

During the summer months, the museum offers a collection of half-day and full-day camps for a variety of age groups. Kids can sign up to come and spend time at the museum every day for a week, and during this time they get to play a variety of dinosaur-themed games and activities, learn all about the world of dinosaurs and paleontology, and get to see what life is like working at a real dinosaur museum. At the end of camp, they will hopefully come away with an invigorated passion for science and natural history, made some new friends, and overall received a unique and enriching experience.

From the beginning of September to the end of June, the museum offers a series of curriculum-based school programs provided to visiting classes. While the main goal of these programs is to teach visiting students the relevant educational material, we always aim to provide this in a way that the students cannot get in school or anywhere else. Talking rock puppets, dinosaur songs, and handling real fossils are just some of the ways we provide a unique educational experience.

## **Volunteer Duties:**

### **-Day Camps:**

- Helping to supervise and accompany campers, including but not limited to: bathrooms breaks, games, lunchtime supervision, and accompanying campers on field trips
- Helping to set up and clean up the classroom each day
- Helping to set up, supervise, and run structured games and activities
- Reading stories, playing games, and other means of engaging with kids
- Helping to foster a positive and inclusive environment

### **-School Programs:**

- Helping to set up and take down props and visuals
- Assisting with classroom management
- Reinforcing program instructions and rules
- Replenishing supplies

## **Good qualities to have:**

- A love of working and interacting with kids and teens
- An outgoing, positive, friendly demeanor
- Is responsible and dependable
- Interest in science and education. A formal background in education and/or science is an asset but not necessary
- Enjoys working both indoors and outdoors
- Good verbal communication skills
- Able to lift moderately heavy objects

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