

BUFFALO SOCIETY OF NATURAL SCIENCES POSITION DESCRIPTION

Traveling Exhibit Facilitator & Mascot

We inspire joyful exploration of science and nature through engaging experiences, unique resources, and exceptional staff.

Department: Programs and Experiences

Position Title: Traveling Exhibit Facilitator & Mascot

Reports to: Experience Manager

Status: Part-time/Temporary /Non-exempt [15 hours a week]

Schedule: Wednesdays 4pm to 9pm, Saturdays 11am to 4pm, Sundays 11am to 4pm
January 20th through May 12th, 2024

Overview: At the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, we believe that science creates opportunities and shapes our world. We take pride in providing an environment that inspires curiosity, self-directed learning, and fun for our guests of all ages. We know that when you mix GREAT SERVICE with GREAT PEOPLE, the result is LASTING MEMORIES for our guests.

Summary of Position: The Traveling Exhibit Facilitator and Mascot will be instrumental in the success of the Museum's temporary traveling exhibit, Curious George. This position will focus on sharing the contents of the exhibit with our guests, while also taking on the role of the Curious George mascot for timed appearances. This position requires a friendly and positive individual who is energized by working with children ages 3 – 12. This position requires wearing a character costume and behaving in a manner consistent with Curious George brand guidelines.

This is a seasonal, temporary position that will begin on January 20th, 2024, and end on May 12th 2024. This part time position will be scheduled for 15 hours a week on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Essential Functions

- Wear the Curious George character costume and interact with guests for scheduled appearances.
- Facilitate content in the Curious George traveling exhibit, including co-exploring and engaging with guests, presenting small interactive demonstrations and activities, and monitoring the area for guest safety.
- Read aloud Curious George books during scheduled story times.

Education, Experience, Skills & Qualities Required

- Ability and willingness to wear and walk in a mascot costume for up to 15 minutes multiple times during a work shift.
- Desire to work with children under 12 years of age required.
- Experience working with children preferred.
- Enthusiastic, patient, and flexible.

Physical Demands

- Must be between 4 foot 8 inches and 5 feet 2 inches tall to fit into character costume
- Ability and willingness to tolerate warm and restrictive conditions within the Curious George costume for up to 15 minutes at a time.
- Communicate effectively in small and large groups.
- Move frequently within the Museum and around outdoor areas adjacent to the Museum.

The Society's culture is one of collaboration, collegiality, and teamwork. The Traveling Exhibit Facilitator & Mascot must have a desire to work in a mission-first and audience-centered culture following the Society's core values of service, curiosity, collaboration, integrity, and inclusivity. The Traveling Exhibit Facilitator & Mascot must intend to produce products and experiences of exceptionally high quality and to enjoy work and colleagues.

The information provided in this description has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of work performed by incumbents in this position. This job description is not intended to be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities, qualifications, and work conditions of employees assigned to this job. Management has sole discretion to add or modify the duties of this position and designate other functions as essential at any point in time.

The salary for this position is \$20.00 an hour.

Please send cover letter and resume via email to careers@sciencebuff.org

Equal Opportunity Employer: At the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, we believe that to achieve the greatest potential in opportunity, innovation, and discovery, as well as to reach the highest level of effectiveness and well-informed decision making, diversity of experience and viewpoints is paramount. Further, as a mission-first organization that seeks to be a welcoming and welcomed resource for all in our community, the Society strives to reflect the great diversity of those living in western New York. We encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds and life experience. The Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or genetic information.