

**Mission:** Inspire a love for science and curiosity about the world to create a brighter future.

# (Weekend) Science Squad Volunteer

Are you passionate about science and love engaging with children in a fun, hands-on way? Join our Weekend Science Squad as a volunteer and help bring exciting science activities to life during birthday party bookings! This role is part of our volunteer revenue generation program, meaning we seek responsible, enthusiastic, and reliable volunteers who can lead and manage this program consistently.

Weekend Science Squad volunteers facilitate interactive STEM activities for groups of 25-30 participants, ensuring an educational and memorable experience for participants. Volunteers will receive specialized training from our Education Team and work under the supervision of the Events Manager to support the smooth execution of activities.

This is an excellent opportunity for those who enjoy working with young children, have a passion for science, and are comfortable leading groups in an organized manner.

### Key Responsibilities:

- Facilitate hands-on activities for guests, ensuring an engaging and fun experience.
- Lead and manage the program consistently, arriving on time and prepared for each shift.
- Maintain a safe and inclusive environment while working with kids and families. Foster a supportive and respectful atmosphere, ensuring all children feel welcomed and valued by recognizing and embracing their diverse backgrounds and experiences.
- Adapt communication and activity facilitation to suit a variety of ages and group sizes.
- Work collaboratively with other volunteers, education staff, and event managers to facilitate activities run smoothly.
- Set up and clean up activity materials before and after each session.
- Represent the organization in a friendly, professional, and enthusiastic manner.
- Follow all guidelines and safety protocols as trained by the Education Team.

### Qualifications & Skills:

• Must be at least 16 years old

- Experience working with children in educational, camp, or event settings is a plus.
- Strong communication and comfortable leading a group of 25-30 participants.
- Dependable, punctual, and able to commit to regular weekend shifts.
- Enthusiastic about science and excited to share knowledge interactively.
- Ability to work independently while following program guidelines and instructions.
- Must complete required training sessions before facilitating activities.

#### Time Commitment & Schedule:

- Shifts are available on Saturdays and Sundays between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM.
- Volunteers must be available for at least two shifts per month to ensure consistency in the program.

### Why Join the Weekend Science Squad?

- Gain valuable leadership and event facilitation experience.
- Develop STEM education and science communication skills.
- Be part of an exciting revenue-generating volunteer program that directly supports the organization.
- Work with a fun, enthusiastic team while inspiring young minds.
- Enhance your resume and community involvement with a unique hands-on role.

#### Volunteer Benefits:

- Invitation to attend volunteer events and enrichment sessions each year
- 15% discount in CuriOdyssey Shop
- Free membership for volunteers who complete the minimum hours requirement
- Eligible for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)
- Hands-on training with CuriOdyssey's education animals. Available to those who have completed 15 hours or more of dependable service.

If you are responsible, energetic, and eager to share your love for science, we'd love to have you on our Weekend Science Squad! Apply today to make an impact while having fun!

## To Apply:

- Our volunteers represent CuriOdyssey to the public and can have a significant impact on the visitor experience. We, therefore, conduct a thorough selection process which includes:
  - Volunteer application
  - In-person interview
  - o Reference checks
  - LiveScan background clearance (for applicants 18 and older)