Garden Railroad Volunteer

Position Summary

Garden Railroad Volunteers are in charge of preparing and running the San Diego Model Railroad Museum Garden layout including running trains and helping with any scavenger hunt questions. This is a great opportunity for anyone with an interest in history, model trains or gardening and will be under the direction of the Volunteer and Experience Coordinator.

Qualifications:

- All volunteers must be 18 years old and up.
- An interest in garden railroads / model railroads
- Ability to work well and communicate with others; Positive attitude & team player
- Customer Service – an interest in interacting with families and museum guests.
- Reliable, dependable, responsible, trustworthy
- Ability to physically walk and stand the majority of each shift. Ability to bend, squat and lift up to 15-20 pounds. Ability to reach trains in various areas of the layout if the trains stall. Note: SDMRM is happy to provide reasonable accommodations for individuals with physical limitations.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Prep display areas around museum for opening and close
- Clean and maintain the wheels and tracks of the layout and the equipment in preparation for museum guests
- Interact with guests and assist with interactive elements of the garden
- Water and maintain centennial garden railway, plants and structures
- Understand safety policies and actively promote safe practices

Training and time Commitment:

- Garden Railroad Volunteers must train for 5 shifts then must commit to a minimum of 2 shifts per month for a minimum of 6 months.
- Shift Hours: 10am – 4pm including breaks. The museum is currently open Tuesday – Sunday.

Volunteers will receive:

- Free admission to the San Diego Model Railroad Museum
- Discount in the gift shop
- Annual appreciation event
- Earn Free passes to hand out to friends and family: 1 pass for every 25 hours of service with an annual max of 5 passes
- Ability to apply volunteer hours towards a museum membership