

Summer Camp Assistant Volunteer

Looking for a meaningful way to spend your summer months? Become an Adler Summer Camp Assistant! In this fun and active volunteer role, you will have the opportunity to assist senior camp staff, instructors and camp counselors with operations of the Adler Planetarium's summer camps. You will help children between the ages of 3 and 16 learn and explore science topics through a variety of hands-on experiments and activities.

We look to Summer Camp Assistant volunteers to:

- Work with Summer Camp Instructor and Counselor(s) to implement a successful camp schedule by helping campers navigate the museum and lunch breaks.
- Ensure that camp supplies are replenished whenever needed.
- Help campers complete fun, educational activities by encouraging participation in activities as needed, and providing individualized attention to campers who need help.
- Assist in camp drop off and pick up procedure. This includes playing games with campers or helping with morning registration.
- Set up and breakdown camp materials and activities. This includes organizing craft and demonstration materials, passing out materials, collecting projects, making photocopies, putting all materials away, etc.
- If available, assist with pre-camp preparations, such as creating name badges, organizing t-shirts, and gathering craft materials.

Interested? Here's what we look for:

- Must be at least 16 years old.
- Must have experience working with children or camp groups.
- Able to coach and/or work well with children.
- Must be mature, dependable, flexible, patient, and energetic.
- Must be able to stand for long periods of time and navigate up and down stairs.
- Strong interest in astronomy, earth science, technology, engineering, or education and a desire to learn more!

Training will consist of:

- Attendance at a general Volunteer Orientation taking place at the Adler on **Saturday, May 21st (10:00am-1:00pm)**
- Attendance at a Summer Camp Training Day taking place at the Adler on **June 11th (11:30am- 3:00pm)**.

We ask volunteers in this position to:

- Be available from 8:30am – 4:00 pm on each day of the camp.

- Bring his/her own peanut-free lunch each day of camp.
- If available, assist Adler staff with camp preparations at any point the week of June 13th (Tuesday-Friday)
- **Commit to at least 1 entire week (or 4 day session) of volunteer service.** (see below)
Preference will be given to candidates available for all or multiple weeks

Dates for camps are as follows:

Adler Mini Camps (Astro Juniors, Explorers, and Investigators Camps)

The suite of Adler mini camps will serve as a basic introduction to science exploration skills as campers learn about the engineering challenges of space travel! (Campers: Grades K-4)

2 volunteers are needed each week:

- Monday-Thursday, June 20th-23rd
- Monday-Thursday, June 27th-30th
- Wednesday & Thursday, July 6th & 7th

Technology Camp

The Adler's Technology Camp challenges campers to explore and use tech tools such as Lego Robotics and Google Sketch-Up. (Campers: Grades 4-7)

1 volunteer is needed each week:

- Monday-Friday, June 20th -24th
- Monday-Friday, June 27th -July 1st
- Monday-Friday, July 11th -15th
- Monday-Friday, July 18th -22nd
- Monday-Friday, July 25th -29th
- Monday-Friday, August 1st -5th
- Monday-Friday, August 8th -12th

Mission Near Space Camp

Mission Near Space allows campers to explore levels of the atmosphere by taking part in an actual high altitude balloon launch. (Campers: Grades 6-10, two weeks are for teachers)

1 volunteer is needed each week:

- Monday-Friday, June 20th -24th
- Monday-Friday, June 27th -July 1st
- Monday-Friday, July 11th – July 15th (Teacher Workshop dates)
- Monday-Friday, July 18th – July 22nd (Teacher Workshop dates)
- Monday-Friday, July 25th -29th
- Monday-Friday, August 1st -5th

**Volunteers assisting with Mission Near Space Camp should anticipate a longer volunteer shift each Thursday (rain date = Wednesday) due to participation in an off-site high-altitude balloon launch.*

Young Scientist Camp

In Young Scientist Camp, preschool age children learn about the skills of science exploration through hands-on participation. (Campers: ages 3 and 4) *This is a half-day camp from 9:00am to 11:30am (volunteer hours 8:30am – 12:00pm)*

2 volunteers are needed each week:

- Monday-Friday, June 20th -24th
- Monday-Friday, June 27th -July 1st
- Monday-Friday, August 8th -12th
- Monday-Friday, August 15th -19th