

Washington Park Arboretum Summer Program Guide

Reports to: Education Coordinator

Summer Program Guides lead two- hour outdoor environmental education programs for K-8 youth and summer day camp groups.

- Lead programs on a variety of themes including life cycle of plants, trees and wetland ecology for small groups of students (15 students or less) in grades K-8.
- Programs are held M-F, 10:00– Noon and 1-3:00 p.m. June—August. Guides arrive 45 minutes prior to program start.

Responsibilities:

- Prepare for and lead scheduled summer programs.
- Arrive on time for scheduled shifts.
- Serve as a role model for environmental stewardship.
- Follow policies of UW Botanic Gardens as outlined in the Volunteer Handbook.
- Record volunteer hours in logbook and wear name tag for scheduled shifts.

Minimum Requirements:

- Attend guide training programs as offered by UWBG- WPA Education and Outreach.
- Commit to leading one program per week.
- Physical ability and stamina to lead groups over semi-rough terrain and carry a 5-10 pound backpack.
- Willingness to work outdoors in variable weather conditions.
- Experience and desire to work with K-8 youth.
- Promptness and willingness to be flexible based on needs of teacher and/or school group.

Benefits:

Have fun!

- Spend time outside with children and meet new people.
- Work with committed, passionate staff and other volunteers.

Professional Development!

- Gain experience in public presentation and interpretation.
- Learn about the diverse plants and wildlife habitats of the Arboretum and Pacific Northwest.

Receive quarterly UWBG newsletters and vouchers towards public classes.

Invitations to UWBG volunteer appreciation events, enrichments, and seasonal field trips.

Work site: Summer guides work mainly from the Donald G. Graham Visitors Center located at the North end of the Arboretum. Most programs depart from outside the lobby of the visitor center. All programs take place on the grounds of the Washington Park Arboretum.