Curiosity Camps Youth Volunteers (ages 15-17) are essential to the educational mission of the RMSC’s camp program. They’re energetic, enthusiastic, and hardworking. Volunteers support paid staff in camp classrooms by helping campers with projects and play, assisting with science experiments, and preparing the classroom and supplies each day. Volunteers help provide a fun and safe camp experience while sharing in the exploration of science!

All volunteers must submit an annual application (see attached) and attend mandatory training. Volunteers that have completed a summer with Curiosity Camps are eligible to volunteer during consecutive school break camps.

Commitments, Responsibilities, and Benefits:

- Curiosity Camps Youth Volunteers must commit to the following each summer:
  - A minimum of two full weeks. Weeks do not need to be consecutive, but volunteers must be available and present Monday through Friday during their scheduled weeks.
  - Daily shifts run from 8:30am - 4:30pm and include a lunch break on the RMSC campus. 40 hours per week are applicable towards school credit/hours requirements.
  - Mandatory training prior to the start of the summer.
- Become involved in a community of lifelong learners and foster future volunteer and career opportunities.
- Develop hands-on work experience skills in an informal educational setting.
- Complimentary RMSC memberships! Volunteers with over 100 hours earn an individual membership. Volunteers with over 200 hours earn a family membership.

Learn more: https://rmsc.org/component/k2/item/45-summer-curiosity-camp-volunteers.
To apply, submit a copy of your completed application to camps@rmsc.org or Curiosity Camps, 657 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607.

**Volunteer Information**

Name of Volunteer: ________________________________________________________________

Home Address: _______________________________________________________________________

City: _____________________________ State: ____________________ Zip Code: _________________

Date of Birth *(MM/DD/YYYY): ________________________________________________________

* All applicants must be 15 years old by the start of camp.

**Contact Information**

Volunteer’s Email Address: _____________________________________________________________

Cell Phone Number: (__________) ____________________

Cell Phone Number: (__________) ____________________

**Background Information and Application Questions**

Grade: ____________________

Do you need volunteer hours for school credit? YES or NO

What school do you attend? ____________________________________________________________

What do you enjoy the most about your classes at school? _________________________________

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What activities do you do (inside or outside of school)? _______________________________________
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Do you have any experience working with children? If yes, what? _______________________________
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Give an example of a time where you had to solve a problem quickly and think on your feet:
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Why do you want to volunteer at the RMSC? _________________________________________________
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Volunteer Agreement

Statement of Volunteer

I understand that there will be mandatory training in order for me to become a volunteer with the Rochester Museum & Science Center's Curiosity Camp program and that missing any training may jeopardize my volunteer position. I will do my best to notify Camp Administration if I have to miss training for any reason.

Volunteer Signature

Date

Please understand that not all skills are needed at all times. If we are unable to make a placement at this time, your application will be kept on file and reviewed periodically as needs arise.

Volunteer Signature

Date

I hereby state that I understand I am volunteering to perform work duties for the Rochester Museum & Science Center without expectations that I will be given any compensation of paid wages or salary for the volunteer work I perform. I also understand workman's compensation, unemployment compensation, or other provisions of law do not cover me as a volunteer. Rather, it is my desire to help that brings me to the Rochester Museum & Science Center.

Volunteer Signature

Date
Parent/Guardian Agreement

Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone: ________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Email: ________________________________________________________________

By signing this agreement, you are giving permission for your child to participate as a volunteer in the Rochester Museum & Science Center’s Curiosity Camps program and agree to the following terms:

- I agree to assume all risks and liabilities associated with my child’s participation in said programs and to hold the Rochester Museum & Science Center and its camp program harmless from all claims which may arise as a result of participation in camp activities.
- I authorize the RMSC camp staff to administer basic first aid to my child. I authorize the RMSC camp staff to seek medical care for my child in the event of an emergency and understand that I am liable for and accept full responsibility of any medical care costs incurred in the case of emergency treatment. The RMSC will make every effort to contact the parents/emergency contact persons in case of any emergency.
- I authorize my child to participate in any off-campus field trips for the camp in which your child is volunteering (if applicable).
- I understand my child is expected to follow all guidelines and behavior policies outlined in the Volunteer Handbook and that if my child exhibits behavior that may cause harm to themselves, other volunteers, campers and/or RMSC Staff, my child will be asked to leave camp and no longer volunteer with the camp program.
- I understand that the RMSC cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen personal items while your child is volunteering at camp.
- I understand that it is my child who is volunteering for the RMSC and understand that leaving the responsibility for them to contact Camp Administration as necessary regarding schedule changes, problems or concerns, etc. is a part of their commitment and a valuable opportunity to learn job skills.
- I understand that images of my child may be taken and used by the RMSC in any or all forms of media (brochures, posters, social media posts, live television or pre-recorded media events, etc.) for marketing or promotional materials within the RMSC at the museum’s discretion.

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Parent/Guardian Signature                                                  Date