UW-Stevens Point Museum of Natural History

Docent Volunteer Information

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

***What do Museum Docent Volunteers do?***

Museum Docent Volunteers lead small group tours through the museum, sharing information about the various exhibits.

***Do I need experience?***

No! We will have you shadow an experienced volunteer until you feel comfortable leading your own small group tour.

***Do I need to be a biology or wildlife major?***

No! We provide you with all of the information you need to give a well-informed small group tour.

***Will you work around my class schedule?***

Yes! When tours are scheduled, volunteers receive an email asking if they are available to help. If you have class at that time, simply reply that you are unavailable for that specific tour.

***What skills will I learn as a Museum Volunteer?***

Volunteering at the museum is a great opportunity to practice your communications skills. You will also have the chance to enhance your time management and teamwork skills.

***Is there a minimum amount of time required?***

Yes. We ask that volunteers commit to a minimum of three tours a semester. However, volunteers get to sign up for tours that fit into their schedule.

***Do I need to fill out any forms?***

Museum Docent Volunteers are required to submit to a background check because we work closely with minors.

Why Volunteer?

* Make a difference in someone’s life
* Set an example for those around you
* Meet new people and make new friends
* Improve your social skills
* Share your skills with others
* Gain work experience
* Enhance your resume
* Build self-esteem and self-confidence

If you have questions about volunteering or are interested in becoming a Museum Volunteer, please contact Lisa Viegut at 715-346-2858 or [*museum@uwsp.edu*](mailto:museum@uwsp.edu)

“Volunteering is at the very core of being a human. No one has made it through life without someone else’s help.”

Heather French Henry