

NORTHSIDE STEM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteer with Northside STEM!

The Northside STEM District is inspiring future Innovators, Creators, and Entrepreneurs! STEM FEST and STEM Saturday events offer hands-on learning experiences for Northside youth from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade. STEM FEST is an annual family event showcasing an array of STEM-based themes and STEM Saturdays are monthly STEM events designed to dig a little deeper into one STEM topic. At the end of each event, youth go home with the project they made for further exploration.

Volunteer Role

College student volunteers are essential to the success of STEM FEST and STEM Saturdays. Each volunteer is stationed at a table with 6–8 youth to encourage, motivate, guide, and inspire the participants. Volunteers are encouraged to network with the industry professionals and employers who are also volunteering their time and talent at the event. This is part of an intentional, layered mentoring approach — with young learners, college students, and industry professionals collaborating on STEM projects — designed to inspire people to become aware of and value the opportunities of STEM-based learning and STEM-based careers.

Volunteer Duties

- Assist in the successful program delivery of the STEM activity
- Encourage creativity, curious thinking, teamwork, and problem solving as learners work on their activity
- Assist as informal timekeepers to help youth complete their projects within the assigned time-frame of the activity
- Assist Northside STEM staff in set up the morning of the event and clean up post-event
- May also assist with food and beverage, or serve as a greeter or safety monitor

Frequency and Time Commitment

College volunteers are invited to participate once a month on a reoccurring basis or to volunteer for a single STEM FEST and/or STEM Saturday. Refer to the STEM Saturday calendar to find the topics that most inspire you. Events occur the first Saturday of every month (some adjustments have been made for national holidays). Your time commitment includes:

- STEM FEST and STEM Saturday programs are each 3.5 hours long, from 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- College volunteers arrive at 7:30 a.m. and leave at 1:30 p.m., lunch is provided
- 15 college volunteers are needed for pre-event set-up on the Friday prior to the event. This is a fun night and dinner is provided! Time commitment: 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Get Involved!

- Visit www.northsideSTEM.org to complete the volunteer inquiry form, or call Bianca Williams-Ford at 612-424-6723 to learn more and register.
- All volunteers are required to complete a background check.

Good things to know!

- The first 50 college student volunteers to register will receive a \$50 gift card for participating at the event
- Wear your college/university apparel during the event
- Pursuing a degree in a STEM discipline is preferred but not required



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