

NORTHSIDE **S** **T** **E** **M**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteer with Northside STEM!

The mission of the Northside STEM District is to grow future Innovators, Creators, and Entrepreneurs! STEM FEST and STEM Saturday events provide hands-on learning experiences for low-income 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 a particular STEM topic. At the end of each event, youth go home with the project they made for further exploration.

Volunteer Role

Corporate volunteers are essential to the success of STEM FEST and STEM Saturdays, helping to spark the curiosity of young learners as they work on their STEM projects. A corporate volunteer will be joined by a college student at a table of 6–8 STEM learners, providing a three-layered mentoring model to the STEM experience. This model is designed to inspire youth to value the opportunities and possibilities of STEM-based learning and STEM-based careers.

Volunteer Duties

- Assist in the successful program delivery of the STEM activity
- Help serve as a facilitator and coach youth as they work on their projects
- Encourage creativity, curious thinking, teamwork and problem solving
- Assist as informal timekeepers to help youth complete their projects within the assigned time-frame of the activity
- May oversee multiple activity tables if needed

Frequency and Time Commitment

Volunteers are invited to participate once a month on a reoccurring basis or to volunteer for a single STEM FEST and/or STEM Saturday opportunity. Refer to the STEM Saturday calendar to find the topics that most inspire you. These 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 3.5 hours long, from 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Volunteers arrive at 7:30 a.m. Lunch is available following program conclusion
- Volunteers attend a one-hour orientation prior to the event day

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

FAQs

Do I need professional training in STEM to volunteer?

- No, there is a role for everybody who would like to give back to the community.

Are there other volunteer opportunities?

- Yes, STEM events need volunteers to act as greeters, safety monitors, food and beverage assistants, and registration assistants.



For volunteer information, contact:
Bianca Williams-Ford
bwilliams-ford@saoic.org
612-424-6723
www.northsidestem.org

Follow us on:

