norfolk botanical garden

Garden Guide

Position Type: Seasonal employment. Non-Exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

Description: The Garden Guide is responsible for safely operating trams and boats, conducting tours and providing frontline coverage of the Front Desk and Tollbooth. Shifts are 5-8 hours, fluctuating between 7:30AM-9:30 PM up to 4 days a week. This position requires flexible availability; weekend work is required. Ideal candidates would enjoy working with people, working outside in a beautiful Garden setting as well as indoors, & have previous cash handling experience.

Essential Functions:

- Safely operate trams and boats to conduct educational tours of the Garden.
- Create an outstanding guest experience by highlighting membership benefits & suggesting how guests can structure their visit to the Garden.
- Work with all other NBG departments to ensure visitors have a positive and memorable experience at the Garden.
- Operate cash register; responsible for initial money given, and any money taken in during shift.
- Utilize Altru database program to view calendar schedule and be prepared to relay pertinent information to class participants, members, staff and the general public.
- Provide excellent customer service at all times, especially when greeting & assisting guests.
- Assist with special events as needed including Garden festivals & the annual Garden of Lights.
- Additional duties as required.

Essential Physical Functions:

- Must have the ability to work outside for 8 hours in heat, cold or light rain and can continuously walk, stand, bend, twist and/or stoop.
- Must have the ability to push and pull objects during the shift.
- Must have the ability to sit for extended periods of time at a desk inside an office, using a computer with a keyboard, answering the phone and communicating via a radio.
- Must have the position requires the ability to lift and move materials up to 40 pounds.
- Must be able to climb in and out of, and safely operate the tram, boat, and golf carts.

Requirements:

- Valid driver's license required and must be at least 18 years old.
- A solid basic understanding of computers is required.

Education and Experience:

- High school diploma or equivalent is preferred.
- Should enjoy working with people, have excellent customer service skills, and be comfortable speaking to large groups.

• Previous customer service and cash handling experience is highly preferred.

Reports to: Visitor Services Supervisors

Benefits:

- Staff discounts on programming and gift shop.
- NBG logo wear for work provided.
- EAP services for all employees.

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