

**Posting Date:** October 5, 2018  
**Position Title:** Hershey's Lab Educator  
**Reports to:** Educational Programs Manager



### **Classification**

Type: Hourly, part-time, non-exempt

Schedule: approximately 20 hours per week average, including weekdays, weekends, occasional holidays

Hourly rate: \$9.50 per hour

### **Scott Family Amazeum Synopsis**

The Scott Family Amazeum is a hands-on, interactive museum in Northwest Arkansas that creates a fun environment where risk taking, imagining, problem solving, discovery, collaboration, and exploration bring children and adults together to learn and grow. The mission of the Scott Family Amazeum is: "To engage the imagination of children and their families through interactive exhibits, programs, and resources while creating an excitement for lifelong learning and the enrichment of lives."

Through experiences with the Amazeum, individuals and the community are engaged in building relationships and developing identities as creative, curious, and innovative shapers for the region. Hands-on learning opportunities and inquiry-based discovery allow guests to exercise critical thinking and take risks in the context of play.

The Amazeum facility includes approximately 50,000 square feet of indoor space and one acre of outdoor exhibition and activity space. The exhibits and programs are multidisciplinary – based on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) concepts– to further formal educational goals in a high-quality informal learning environment. The museum is located at the intersection of Museum Way and J Street in Bentonville, AR.

### **Position Summary**

*The Education Department of the Amazeum is looking for team members who are enthusiastic about promoting Creativity, Curiosity, and Community. Reporting to the Educational Programs Manager, Hershey's Lab Educators will facilitate Hershey's Lab experiments that support the Amazeum's mission and overall strategic goals. As representatives of the Amazeum to the public, Hershey's Lab Educators also work as team members to provide excellent customer service, ensure a safe and hygienic space, and help evaluate and improve guest experiences.*

### **Essential Functions**

#### Teaching & Facilitation

- Provide lead instruction during Hershey's Lab experiments to Amazeum guests
- Utilize and model best practices of inquiry-based facilitation
- Respond knowledgeably to guest questions
- Coordinate with Guest Services about programming schedules and Hershey Lab tickets
- Facilitate private workshops to school groups and birthday parties
- Design, conduct, and modify innovative educational experiences developed for public audiences, ensuring experiences are responsive to all participants' needs

#### Curriculum & Experiment Development

- Work with Educational Programs Manager to develop new and improve existing Hershey's Lab program curriculum, including instructional and operational design, written descriptions and evaluation
- Ensure curriculum and experiments adhere to the Amazeum's education guiding principles

#### Materials & Equipment Management

- Maintain and organize inventory of supplies, equipment, and tools required for implementing Hershey's Lab experiments
- Organize, clean and prepare Hershey's Lab materials
- Ensure a safe and hygienic space; reset learning spaces between programs
- Provide supportive assistance organizing materials for camps and workshops

## Training and Program Evaluation/Improvement

- Actively participate in scheduled training sessions and meetings
- Take initiative to learn about new exhibit content and museum-wide events and news on a regular basis

## **General Duties**

The responsibilities listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position. The Amazeum reserves the right to revise or change position duties and responsibilities as necessary to accommodate changing organizational needs.

## **Qualifications**

### Education Preparation and Work Experience

- High school diploma or GED; required
- Experience working with children and families; 1 year required, within informal education setting preferred
- Basic understanding of STEAM disciplines
- Basic understanding of Constructivist pedagogy and inquiry-based; preferred
- Minimum age of 18 years at time of hire

### Technical Skills

- Strong verbal communication skills with emphasis on public speaking and presenting information to diverse audiences in an engaging and compelling fashion
- Ability to organize time effectively and manage multiple tasks simultaneously
- Strong teaching and facilitation skills adaptable to developmental levels and different learning styles
- Bilingual ability is desired, but not required

### Learning Inclinations

- Independent, self-directed learner
- Proven ability to work independently as well as within a team environment
- Strategic thinker and able to problem solve effectively under pressure
- Understand the subtleties of non-verbal cues and the ability to respond to guests appropriately

### Attitudinal Qualifications

- Demonstrate curiosity and passion for learning, with an excitement for new challenges
- Energetic, dependable, and personable; enjoy working with children and adults
- Excellent team player with positive attitude
- Comfortable being silly and playful; fun-spirited
- Highly respectful in speech, actions, and demeanor
- Commitment to the Amazeum's mission

### Physical

- Able to stand, walk, and interact with children and adults for extended periods of time
- Able to lift up to 20 lbs overhead regularly and occasionally 40 lbs
- Valid driver's license, current auto insurance, and reliable personal transportation required
- Candidates may be required to pass a criminal background screening and drug test
- Work is performed in an environment with moderate to excessive noise

## **How to apply:**

Submit resume and completed [application](#) to Ashlee Bailey, abailey@amazeum.org or by mail Scott Family Amazeum attn: Educational Programs Manager, 1009 Museum Way, Bentonville AR 72712.