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Finding Urban Nature (FUN) Volunteer

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Work Location: Throughout Seattle at various Seattle Public Schools. Exact location depends on volunteer availability and preference.

Purpose: FUN is an environmental education program that exposes students to the often-overlooked nature in their urban schoolyards and neighborhoods. Students develop an understanding of environmental connections as they participate in eight hands-on outdoor science lessons.

FUN is offered for free to Seattle Public Schools to help teachers meet science education requirements. The program reaches hundreds of students each year, thanks to the support of many dedicated FUN volunteers.

Qualifications: FUN Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, able to pass a Washington State background check, excited about working with elementary school students, and able to work outside in all weather conditions. No previous experience necessary, as training, materials, and ongoing support are provided.

Commitment: Two half-day training sessions (fall and spring). One day per week for four weeks in the fall (October-November) and/or four weeks in the spring (March-April), for approximately 1.5-2.5 hours per week.

Training: Seattle Audubon provides training, support, and all materials throughout the program. Two half-day training sessions (fall and spring) or a prearranged alternative training are required for all new FUN volunteers.

Responsibilities:

- Prepare for each lesson by reading over the lesson plan and by arriving at the school 30 minutes early to review the lesson with the team leader.
- Lead a group of 4-6 students through each FUN lesson by asking guiding questions and supervising hands-on activities in an outdoor space. Each lesson is one hour long, which includes a short introduction and conclusion led by the team leader in the classroom.
- Distribute and collect the materials for each lesson.
- Report any difficulties or highlights to the instructor or team leader, either during the lesson or while debriefing afterward.

Benefits and Opportunities:

- Help fulfill the Seattle Audubon Society's mission through environmental education leadership.
- Help bring high quality environmental education to 900+ students annually.
- Collaborate with like-minded community members
- Learn more about birds, nature, and ecosystem connections.
- Receive Seattle Audubon volunteer benefits, including a Nature Shop coupon, special promotions, and event invitations.

Get Started: Contact Seattle Audubon Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteerc@seattleaudubon.org to join us!