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Volunteer Opportunities at the Warnock Boat Pond

Boat Pond Volunteer:

Objective: The Warnock Model Boat Pond is part of the Columbia River Maritime Museum campus wherein visitors of all ages may learn the basics of how sailboats work using radio-controlled sailboats on our manmade shallow pond. Volunteers assist our guests with the basic parts of the sailboat and how it operates and provide a safe, guided experience as guests learn the basics of sailing. There is no cost or museum admission for this activity, but we do ask for and collect donations.

Volunteers will attend training in the spring before the Boat Pond opens for the season.

The volunteer will need to be able to physically stand and walk on level pavement, maneuver signs up a small incline on the sidewalk, and be able to lift sailboats out of the pond.

Volunteers do not need to have any sailing experience but should be willing to learn!

General duties:

- The volunteer will greet visitors and teach them about the parts of the sailboat and how the radio-controlled sailboats work through a short orientation discussion and demonstration.
- The volunteer will check-in with the front desk and obtain the key and donation jar from the Volunteer Office.
- The volunteer will unlock the Boat Pond shed (and restroom when needed), roll the large sign out to the parking entrance, post the rental banner on the side of the shed, set out the donation jar, and sign in on the visitor log clipboard.
- The volunteer will arrive about 10 minutes before opening time to prepare the boats for sailing, put the buoys in the pond, and check the weather (wind conditions).
- The volunteer will drain any water and wipe down each boat after each sailing.
- The volunteer will prepare the boats for storage, record the number of visitors to the visitor log, bring in the buoys, garbage can, large rolling sign, and banner at the end of each shift.

- The volunteer will return the donation jar and Boat Pond key to the Volunteer Office.

Training: There will be training each spring before the Boat Pond opens for the season. The Warnock Model Boat Pond is open each year from May through Labor Day on Saturdays as well as during the week. Some volunteers may be asked to help with maintenance (this is at the discretion of Education Department staff who have experience with building and maintaining model boats).

Time Commitment: The Warnock Model Boat Pond is open seasonally from May through Labor Day every weekend on Saturdays. Shifts are two hours mid-day, weather permitting. Volunteers are notified if the weather conditions are such that we need to close the pond. Some seasons include an additional day mid-week when we open the pond and may ask for volunteers on those days. We often have volunteers who commit to helping at the pond each week throughout the season, but this is not required.

Who to Report to: Volunteer Coordinator or Education Director