Healthy Minds Initiative Volunteer Position

Title of volunteer position: STEM Facilitator for the Healthy Minds Initiative -- Bangor Position

Description: The Healthy Minds Initiative is a summer program, whose goal is to tackle two key issues: summer food insecurity for students, and STEM education enrichment. Cornerstones of Science and Maine Campus compact have partnered with libraries around Maine (Lewiston Public Library, Bangor Public Library, and McArthur Public Library) who are participating in summer feeding programs to assist with summer food service, and provide STEM enrichment activities. STEM Facilitators will be working in teams of 2 to 3 with groups of students ages 6 to 12 at the Bangor Public Library three times a week for 1 hour long sessions. These sessions will engage the K-12 students in themed, hands-on STEM activities, while also providing them with a nutritious meal. Student STEM Facilitators will lead these activities from STEM themed science trunks provided by Cornerstones of Science. There are two time frames available for volunteers depending on their availability.

Full Summer Schedule
Dates: July 15th to August 30th
Days: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays
Times: 12PM to 1PM

End of Summer Schedule
Dates: August 9th to August 30th
Days: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays
Times: 12PM to 1PM

Tasks and Responsibilities: The Bangor Public Library has been a summer food site for 5 years running, and will not need assistance with their food service. Facilitators at this site will focus on utilizing the science trunks to provide an hour of fun activities for participating students prior to the lunch hour.

Training: (Skills provided prior to beginning the position) Training on how to facilitate the provided science trunks and teach its contents will be given to volunteers courtesy of Cornerstones for Science. No science or education background is necessary, but very appreciated.

Qualifications: (Skills or interests needed to be successful in this position)
- Summer availability (there are two different time frames available)
- A willingness to work with children of varying ages
- An engaging and inspiring demeanor
- An interest in science, technology, engineering, and math and/or
- An interest in teaching

Work Site: Bangor Public Library

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