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## Volunteer Application

*Thank you for your interest in volunteering to help **The Bishop's** staff and board achieve our mission:  
 "to engage and inspire learners of all ages; we protect, interpret and communicate scientific and  
 cultural knowledge of Florida, the world, and our universe."*

The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature is the largest natural and cultural history museum on Florida's Gulf Coast. In addition to permanent exhibitions and constantly changing temporary exhibitions, the Museum features an all-digital state-of-the-science Planetarium, the Parker Manatee Rehabilitation Habitat and the *Mosaic Backyard Universe*, built just for young kids and their families. Our collections feature fossil evidence of Florida's earliest animal inhabitants and archaeological artifacts representing Paleo-Indian, Archaic and pre-contact time periods. We also offer a series of educational programs and events that interpret the scientific and cultural knowledge of Florida, the world, and our universe.

*Please Print Clearly*

Name:		Date:	
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Email:		Birth Date:	
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Which volunteer positions interest you? Details on last page of Application. <i>(circle all that apply)</i>			
<b>Administrative Support</b>	<b>Education Collections</b>	<b>Education Support</b>	<b>Floor Support</b>
			<b>Museum Greeter</b>
			<b>Planetarium Support</b>
			<b>Special Events Support</b>
Please indicate your days of availability and write-in times when you could volunteer:			
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
			<b>Sunday</b>
			<b>Mon (Closed)</b>
			<b>Tue (Closed)</b>
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Are you a seasonal resident? YES / NO Dates of availability:-----			
How did you hear about <b>The Bishop</b> ?			
Previous volunteer experience:			
Special skills and training ( <i>ex: computer skills, educator, public speaking, foreign language, etc.</i> ) or additional relevant information:			

Tell us why you would like to volunteer at **The Bishop**. What do you hope to gain from this volunteer experience?

Current Employer/School, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of any criminal offenses, or have you been assigned court-ordered community service hours as part of your probation or sentence? YES / NO If yes, please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If volunteer is under 18 years of age, please complete the following: *(must be at minimum 16 years old to volunteer)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ *(parent/guardian printed name)*, affirm that I am the parent/guardian of the above-named volunteer. I understand that the volunteer program does not provide compensation, and that the service will not convey on the volunteer the status of an employee.

I give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ *(name of volunteer)* to participate in volunteer activities at **The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature**.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting this application, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all the statements contained herein are true, correct, and made in good faith. I also understand as a volunteer that I am expected to follow all museum safety guidelines, including those in place to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail or email completed application to:** *(inclusion of a cover letter is recommended)*  
The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature Susan McCarthy, Program/Volunteer Coordinator  
Attn: Volunteer Department [SMcCarthy@BishopScience.org](mailto:SMcCarthy@BishopScience.org)  
P.O. Box 9265, Bradenton, FL 34205 Questions? Call 941-746-4131, ext. 113

After your application has been received, a Museum representative will contact you for an interview to discuss the volunteer program at **The Bishop**. Thank you for your commitment to expanding your knowledge of Florida’s natural and cultural history, the environment, manatee conservation and care, and our universe while making a real difference in the lives of our community and our visitors.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**  
Date of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_ Interviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Code of Ethics Signed: YES / NO Orientation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Leave: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notes: \_\_\_\_\_