Union Station Kansas City, Inc.
Position Description

Title: Summer Camp Teacher
Department: Science City
Reports to: Summer Camp Manager
Camp dates: June 1-July 31, plus pre-camp training May 26-May 29. No camp week of June 29-July 3.
Teachers work Monday through Thursday and Teacher Assistants lead campers on Fridays.

Science City Summer Camp

With a mission to bridge the summer gap between school years and to create a fun learning environment for children to explore and discover, Science City Summer Camp (SCSC) offers an exceptional out-of-school experience for children. Classes are planned and led by experienced teachers who are enthusiastic about teaching and dedicated to make the summer learning fun for children. SCSC offers a variety of weekly themed camps focused on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) topics. Camper’s ages range from children entering 1st to 6th grade.

All activities are designed to engage children’s inquisitive minds, encourage positive learning and inspire creativity. It takes a team that is highly responsible, enthusiastic, energetic and dedicated to deliver this high-quality program. The team consists of experienced professional teachers and qualified student teaching assistants and we'd like you to consider joining us!

If you're a high energy person looking for a great opportunity to engage and inspire children, be a role model and sharpen your professional skills this summer, join the Science City Summer Camp Team!

Position Summary: Teachers develop curriculum activities based on weekly camp themes. Four teachers plan activities from the perspective of Life Science, Physical Science, Art and Innovation*. Collaboration across disciplines within the team is highly encouraged. Camp enrollment is divided into four age groups with each group visiting each curriculum area for half-day, two times each week. Activities must be adaptable for age appropriate groups. Camp themes are broad-based and allow for multiple interpretations within each specified curriculum.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:
- Meet with camp staff for general orientation and camp overview in the spring.
- Participate in pre-camp training and camp set-up May 26-29.
- Develop student activities for specified content area that are adaptable to ages 6–12. Submit outline of themed activity plans to camp manager in early May. Outlines will be shared with teacher team to ensure collaboration across weekly themes.
- Be prepared to offer innovative and challenging activities within budget guidelines.
- Submit supply needs with curriculum outline. Supplies will be approved and purchased/provided by administrative staff.
- Be capable of classroom management with diverse ages and abilities.
- Coordinate implementation of designated activities for each age group with three Teacher Assistants assigned to each age group. TA’s accompany their age group throughout the week and lead camp activities on Fridays.
• Maintain daily communication with TA’s, teachers and other camp staff to share and promote positive experiences for entire camp.
• Coordinate with Science City Manager/Floor Supervisor team as appropriate.
• Provide end of year feedback for continued evaluation of the summer program.
• Commit to summer schedule of eight weeks of camp and advance preparations or identify a partner teacher to split the schedule.

Qualified Candidates should:
• Enjoy working with children
• Have an affinity for STEM (science, technology, engineering & math)
• Be enthusiastic, energetic and dependable
• Be creative and flexible in meeting daily opportunities and challenges
• Have excellent communication skills, especially listening skills
• Be punctual and attentive to those in your care
• Work on one’s feet for long periods of time
• Be able to lift at least 25 pounds
• Conform to the Summer Camp dress code (Union Station provides Camp shirts)
• Bonus Skill: Possess fluency in multiple

About Science City: Kansas City’s Science Center, Science City at Union Station Kansas City, is a dynamic, hands on science center featuring more than 300 individual interactive exhibits and daily programming. Kids of all ages experience the amazing world of science first-hand through fun and engaging exhibits and programs. In addition to changing monthly themes and daily programs/activities open to all guests, the science center offers onsite curriculum-based programs to school groups (PK-12), outreach programs and an onsite summer camp. STEAM education is at the core of everything in the science center, be it exhibits, demonstrations, classes, shows, presentations, special events or programs. Last year more than 325,000 guests visited Science City. Visit www.unionstation.org/sciencecity for more information.

APPlicants should submit a cover letter and current resume to the Science City Summer Camp email account: summer@unionstation.org. Please describe your interest and experience in the STEM world, why you would be an asset to the summer camp program and any other relevant information that shows you are qualified for this opportunity.

*INNOVATION: this activity area can be developed in a variety of ways: invention, problem solving, technology, Maker projects, etc. Activities must be adaptable for ages 6-12, although these ages are divided into groups of similar ages at different times. A budget allowance is provided for these activities to encourage use of a broad scope of resources.