

Resource Room Volunteer Job Description

What will I do as a Resource Room Volunteer?

- Greet and interact with visitors of all ages, assist with activities, and answer questions
- Share information about Lake Champlain Basin natural and cultural resources
- Communicate Lake Champlain issues and management to the public
- Cultivate watershed stewardship with examples of individual and community action
- Engage visitors and encourage scientific inquiry by asking questions
- This position can be adapted to your interests and may include research, organizing materials, and creating activities and exhibits.

Time Commitment

- Minimum 3 months of volunteer service
- One 3 or 4 hour shift per week, minimum 2 shifts per month

What do I need to be successful in this position?

- Volunteers must enjoy working with all ages, be excited about learning and have an interest in Lake Champlain issues and stewardship.
- Interest in discovering a tranquil corner of ECHO that features live animals, activities, microscopes, computer stations, and a lake and watershed library.
- Enthusiasm for Lake and watershed stewardship with a focus on citizen action, community events, and volunteer opportunities.
- Interest in facilitating hands-on activities.

What will I learn?

- How to engage and communicate with all ages and backgrounds.
- Skills in nonformal education and interpretation.
- Lake Champlain Basin natural and cultural history, issues, and management.
- Knowledge of place-based resources such as maps and charts, field guides, and information on recreational and historic sites.
- How to share Lake and watershed stories, science, and data with the public including students, teachers, and researchers.

What benefits will I receive as a Resource Room Volunteer?

- 20% discount at ECHO's Gift Shop
- Free admission to ECHO for the volunteer
- Free coffee & tea in volunteer lounge
- Annual appreciation events
- Professional development opportunities

- Volunteer social gatherings
- ECHO day passes, distributed quarterly
- ECHO branded gear & gifts
- ECHO memberships
- Letters of recommendation/reference
- A volunteer experience fitted to your unique skill sets and goals