

SIU's Touch of Nature Environmental Center is seeking passionate and enthusiastic volunteers during the 2017 Total Solar Eclipse for a 5-day, 4-night event from Aug. 18-22. We are offering lodging, activities and meals for our guests. On August 21 at 1:21 p.m. a total solar eclipse will be visible on our site. We are looking for a variety of volunteers listed below. Candidates must submit a complete application by July 1. Individual volunteers or group organizations are welcome.

General Volunteer Description: Volunteers will be needed at varying degrees. Applicants may indicate on their application their desired volunteer position, but may be offered any of the following positions listed below. Applicants can be graduate or undergraduate students and do not need to have any prior outdoor experiences or specific outdoor living skills.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Check-in

- Direct arriving guests to rooms.
- Assist with guests signing Assumption of Risk forms.

Environmental Education Activities

- Help staff set up equipment.
- Shadow staff during hikes or paddling programs.

General Volunteers

- "Floater" -willing to volunteer wherever needed.
- Help with activity/presentation set up and break down.
- Assists with special programs and events, such as paddling, craft table, etc.

Lifeguard

- Certified lifeguard at Beach 1, Beach 2, and Rocky Ledges

Meal Services

- Buss tables
- Refill drinks
- Wait on guests

On the Water Surveillance

- "Eyes on the water"
- In boats on the water for 4-8 hours
- Assist with tipped canoes/kayaks
- Interested volunteers will need to be canoe trained (provided.)

Parking

- Help park arriving guests and where to park.

All Volunteer Requirements:

VOLUNTEERS MUST ATTEND A MEETING (at 1p.m. Aug. 5 or Aug. 17)

- We will discuss safety, what to expect, specific volunteer duties, etc.
- Information on Touch of Nature Buildings and program locations.
- Discuss canoe training if applicable.

Volunteers must be available for at least 4-hour increments.

Expectations:

- Have a positive attitude about SIU.
- Be able to adapt well in difficult situations.
- Enjoy the event!

Benefits:

- The potential to receive up to 150 hours of volunteer time for an SIU program.
- Meals and lodging provided.
- Every volunteer will be provided with eyewear for viewing the eclipse.

Review and Selection Process: Candidate applications will be reviewed. Southern Illinois University Carbondale affirms its commitment to non-discrimination on the basis of age, sex, race, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, disability, or status as a disabled veteran or a veteran of the Vietnam era. Members of the University community who believe they have been discriminated against on any of these bases may file a complaint. Individuals with questions may contact JD Tanner (Director of Touch of Nature) at jdtanner@siu.edu.

*For more information on volunteering opportunities for the eclipse contact Kayla Cole at (618) 453-3954 OR kaylaco94@siu.edu.