



2009 Astronomy Host Job Description

Title

Astronomy Host

Organization Name

Orient Land Trust (OLT)

Position Overview

The dark skies here allow us to offer OLT visitors an opportunity to view the planets, moon, galaxies, and other objects of interest. Astronomy Hosts will be responsible for providing astronomy education and assistance viewing the celestial wonders above us. Time and interest permitting, Astronomy Hosts will also lead daytime tours of Orient Land Trust's hydroelectric facility.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Develop a short talk about astronomy based on personal knowledge or other source
2. Provide instruction in proper use of telescopes
3. Assist visitors in locating specific celestial objects
4. Lead tours of OLT's hydroelectric facilities (optional), as time and interest allow
5. Engage Orient Land Trust visitors
 - Discuss OLT, its program and unique aspects
 - Encourage visitors to become members
 - Answer visitor questions
 - Receive feedback from a diverse group of visitors
 - Assist visitors as needed

Qualifications and Requirements

- Belief in the mission of OLT and understanding of its goals and programs
- Interest in Astronomy
- Experience with telescopes
- Strong oral communication and people skills
- Experience leading educational tours
- Positive attitude
- Motivated, self-starter

Supervision and Training

The Astronomy Host will work under the supervision of the Visitor Services Manager and Executive Director. Where necessary, training will be provided by the Executive Director.

Commitment Required and Place of Work

This is a full-time, unpaid position with a minimum length of service of one month. Temporary residence on or near the property is required. The Astronomy Host will be responsible for carrying a two-way radio while on duty. The position runs from May through September. The Astronomy Host work schedule will be dependent on weather conditions.

Astronomy Host will be required to camp (tent or RV) in a designated camp site at Valley View Hot Springs, a clothing-optional rustic hot springs retreat. The location of the Astronomy Host site will be given to all visitors and a photograph may be posted.

Benefits

The Astronomy Host will gain valuable experience, educating a diverse group of people. In addition to having the satisfaction of contributing to the mission and goals of OLT, volunteers will receive free camping and use of the facilities for themselves and their immediate family while they serve as hosts. Staying at OLT will provide volunteers with a unique opportunity to live in a beautiful and remote location while having access to the hot springs amenities.

Volunteers who work a minimum of 15 hours per year will receive OLT Supporter level benefits (\$75.00-\$149.00). A Supporter level member or higher can also be a volunteer (working a minimum of 15 hours per year) and receive upgraded benefits to the next member level.

Contact

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To Apply

Please print an [application](#) from our website and fax to: 719 256 4317 or mail to: Orient Land Trust, PO Box 65, Villa Grove, CO 81155. You may include a letter outlining your experience, interest and why you would like to volunteer. If you need a copy of the application emailed or mailed to you or you have questions about the position, please call 719 256 5212. Thank you for your interest!