

Discovery Volunteer Newsletter



MAY 2017

Congratulations graduates!

May is already here, which means graduation is right around the corner. Many of our Discovery Volunteers are graduating this spring, so we would like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to each and every one of you! Thank you for promoting STEM engagement in our community, and we hope to continue seeing you in the future.



New volunteer program manager: *Sam Mulrooney*

Join us in welcoming Sam, our new volunteer program manager, who will oversee our volunteer operations in addition to other programs here at the Discovery Building. Sam has been with WARF for over two years and is very excited to get to know our great group of volunteers!

Please feel free to contact Sam with any questions at smulrooney@warf.org.



Thank you Badger Volunteers!

As we say hello to summer, we say goodbye to our Spring 2016 cohort of Badger Volunteers.

Badger Volunteers is a semester-long program through the Morgridge Center for Public Service at UW-Madison that pairs students with organizations in the community to foster volunteer experience and community connections. This spring, we had 20 dedicated, hardworking Badger Volunteers that have been leading our Afterschool Expeditions and Field Trip programs each week. They have done an excellent job in engaging our visiting students in all kinds of science topics, from working with DNA, to learning about physics, to discovering fossils, and so much more. Thanks for a great semester, Badger Volunteers!



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

[Discovery Volunteer Training](#)

May 2nd, 6:00-7:15pm

[June Saturday Science](#)

June 3rd, 9:15am-12:15pm

*More summer opportunities will be posted soon

Visit the [event registration page](#) for all updated volunteer opportunities.



UW-Madison launches STEM diversity network

In an effort to create a comprehensive resource for people of diverse backgrounds working and studying in STEM fields, the University of Wisconsin-Madison has built a new website called the STEM Diversity Network. This website contains resources related to science, technology, engineering, and math in hopes to increase recruitment and success of underrepresented students, faculty, and staff. The website also includes information about mentoring and advocacy for people from diverse backgrounds.



To check out the STEM Diversity Network, visit <https://stemdiversity.wisc.edu/>.

Featured Volunteer Group: Tau Beta Pi

What is Tau Beta Pi?

Tau Beta Pi is a National Engineering Honor Society. It is the second oldest honor society in the nation and the only one to recognize all engineering disciplines. We are part of the Wisconsin Alpha chapter. Our organization focuses on 3 different areas: volunteerism, professional development, and liberal culture.

How did your group get involved at the Discovery Building?

Tau Beta Pi is always looking for new volunteer opportunities, and the Discovery Building events focus on a wide variety of scientific principles making it a perfect fit for our organization that contains engineers of all different majors.

What has been your group's most memorable volunteering experience at Discovery?

During the Sports Science event we were helping with the aerodynamics exhibit. Children were tasked with designing and building structures made out of balloons, cups, straws, etc. and then observing how they behaved in wind tunnels. It was a lot of fun to help with this exhibit as everyone got very excited and involved in the different designs they could make.

How does volunteering at the Discovery Building help promote your group's mission?

One of the main pillars of our organization is volunteerism, so helping out at the Discovery Building Saturday Science events is a great fit for our group. Lots of the activities involve engineering design principles, so being able to transfer our knowledge to the younger generation and inspire future engineers is very rewarding.

Thank you for your hard work and group's active participation, Tau Beta Pi!

