

Lake Afton Public Observatory *Star* Application

If you are interested in joining the Observatory's volunteer organization please complete this form, checking any of the positions which interest you. Mail the completed application to the Lake Afton Public Observatory, 1845 Fairmount, Wichita, KS 67260-0032. If you have any questions please call 978-3191 or e-mail: observatory@wichita.edu. We will contact you to set a time when we can talk about your interest in helping the Observatory.

- EXPLAINER: Observatory Explainers assist the staff with presenting programs at the Observatory. This involves finding objects with the telescope, explaining these objects to people while they are observing them, and answering questions about exhibits. All Observatory explainers participate in a six hour training course and are provided with a handbook which discusses Observatory programs and exhibits. (Time commitment: 4 hours, 2 weekend evenings per month.)
- GREETER: Observatory greeters greet people as they enter the Observatory and briefly explain to them the program for the evening. They also answer general questions about the Observatory both for visitors and people who phone the Observatory during a program. Greeters go through a six hour training course and are provided with a handbook which discusses the Observatory and Observatory programs. (Time commitment: 4 hours, 2 weekend evenings per month.)
- COMPUTER PROGRAMMER: The Observatory has written a number of astronomical simulations and games which help people learn various aspects of astronomy in an entertaining way. As a programmer you will assist the staff in this endeavor. Experience with a Windows machine is necessary. (Time commitment: variable.)
- EXHIBIT PREPARER: As an exhibit preparer you will assist the staff in the development and construction of Observatory exhibits. (Time commitment: variable.)
- CARPENTER: Many Observatory exhibits require some carpentry. In this position you will assist the staff with these projects. (Time commitment: variable.)
- SPECIAL PROJECTS VOLUNTEER: Assist the staff with various short-term special projects. Or perhaps you have a special project that you would like to work on that we haven't thought of.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

e-mail: _____

In case of Emergency contact: _____

phone: _____

Education:

Professional Experience:

Volunteer Experience:

Special Expertise (Include non-astronomy items):

Special Interests and Hobbies:

Additional Information:

Please return to Robert Henry, Lake Afton Public Observatory, 1845 Fairmount, Wichita, KS 67260-0032 or via e-mail: robert.henry@wichita.edu