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Youth Leadership Program Spark Cart Volunteer (Tier 1) Application Packet Spring/Summer 2017 Session

Qualifications:

We are looking for volunteers who are:

- Currently in grades 9-12
- Interested in innovation, science, engineering, history, art, and more!
- Passionate about learning and teaching
- Excited to interact with children and adults
- Looking for opportunities to learn life and leadership skills

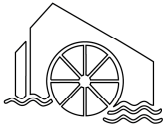
Commitment:

Volunteers are asked to commit to the following:

- REQUIRED group training and meeting on Saturday, April 1 from 10:00-4:00pm, including parents.
- At LEAST 3 volunteer shifts with the SparkCart between April 8 and August 26.
 - Shifts are always from 12:30-4:15
 - Selected dates include specific program dates at Hagley. Look below at the Spring/Summer 2017 Schedule for SparkCart shift dates.
- At LEAST 2 of 4 Build our Skills workshops held on Saturdays throughout the session from 12:00-4:00pm
 - Look below at the Spring/Summer 2017 Schedule for Build our Skills workshop dates.

Application Schedule

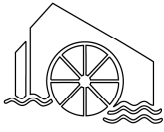
Monday, March 6, 2017	Applications Open
Tuesday, March 14, 2017; 3:00-4:30pm	Open House
Wednesday, March 22, 2017; 4:30pm	Application Deadline
Saturday, March 25 & Monday, March 26, 2017; 2:30-5:00pm	Interviews
Wednesday, March 29, 2017	Decisions Announced
Saturday, April 1, 2017; 10:00am-4:00pm	Mandatory Orientation and Training, including parents



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Spring/Summer 2017 Schedule (all dates are on Saturdays, unless noted)

April 1; 10:00am-4:00pm	Mandatory Orientation and Training, including parents
April 8; 12:30-4:15pm	SparkCart Shift
April 22; 12:30-4:15pm	SparkCart Shift
May 6; 12:00-4:00pm	Build our Skills Workshop
May 13; 12:30-4:15pm	SparkCart Shift
May 27; 12:30-4:15pm	SparkCart Shift
June 3; 12:30-4:15pm	Build our Skills Workshop
WEDNESDAY, June 7; 5:00-7:45pm	SparkCart Shift
June 10; 12:30-4:15pm	SparkCart Shift
June 17; 12:00-4:00pm	SparkCart Shift
June 24; 12:30-4:15pm	SparkCart Shift
WEDNESDAY, July 5; 5:00-7:45pm	SparkCart Shift
July 8; 12:30-4:15pm	SparkCart Shift
July 15; 12:30-4:15pm	SparkCart Shift
WEDNESDAY, July 19; 4:00-8:00pm	Build our Skills Workshop
July 22; 12:30-4:15pm	SparkCart Shift
July 29; 12:00-4:00pm	SparkCart Shift
August 5; 12:30-4:15pm	SparkCart Shift
WEDNESDAY, August 9; 5:00-7:45pm	SparkCart Shift
August 12; 12:30-4:15pm	SparkCart Shift
August 19; 12:00-4:00pm	SparkCart Shift
WEDNESDAY, August 23; 4:00-8:00pm	Build our Skills Workshop
August 26; 12:30-4:15pm	SparkCart Shift



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Frequently Asked Questions

What's the Spark Cart?

The Spark Cart is a mobile activity cart that moves throughout Hagley's property. We do hands-on activities for visitors on this cart, to teach them about innovation at Hagley.

Fun fact: the Spark Cart actually was an ice cream cart we had retrofitted for this purpose!

What kind of activities are they?

The Spark Cart activities focus on different innovative ideas at Hagley. For example, one activity focuses on pulleys and the different ways they can be used. Another focuses on biomimicry, or the idea that human invention is inspired by the natural world (like the connection between woodpecker skulls and bike helmets).

What would I do, as a volunteer?

Each volunteer shift you work with one partner volunteer and an adult mentor. You pick out an activity, set it up, and then present it to visitors as they stop by. Don't worry- we train you on how to do all of this!

What kind of training will I get?

Lots of training! On our first meeting day, we go through all the basics- you get to know the other volunteers and mentors, try out all the cart activities, and learn some basic ideas about interacting with visitors. Then, at each volunteer shift your mentor will help you remember these ideas and give additional pointers. They're always nearby to help you out!

What are Build our Skills workshops?

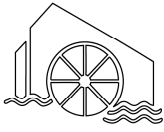
Build our Skills workshops are opportunities for all of us to get together again to learn valuable life skills that will help us with our SparkCart demonstrations and in the future. These are skills like communication, public speaking, organization, time management, teamwork, creativity, and self-confidence. All Build our Skills workshops end with a social time with food and drinks.

This sounds awesome! How do I apply?

First, you need to fill out an online volunteer application at www.hagley.org/volunteer. Next, fill out the questions on the attached application page and send them to Jeff Durst, Youth Leadership Program Coordinator, at jdurst@hagley.org. See below for the entire application, including deadlines.

I have more questions!

That's great! We are holding an Open House on Tuesday, March 14 from 3:00-4:30pm. Feel free to stop by at any time to ask questions, visit with the mentors and other teen volunteers, and check out the Spark Cart. Just arrive at the Hagley Visitor Center and they'll direct you to the Open House. Additionally, please feel free to call or email Jeff Durst, YLP Coordinator, at jdurst@hagley.org or 302-658-2400 ext. 285.



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Spark Cart Volunteer (Tier 1) Application

First, fill out and submit the online volunteer application at www.hagley.org/volunteer. You will be directed to set up an initial meeting with Angela Williamson, Volunteer Manager, which must take place before April 1.

Second, type your responses to the questions below and submit them via email to Jeff Durst, the YLP Coordinator, at jdurst@hagley.org. The application deadline for Spring/Summer 2017 is **Wednesday, March 22 at 4:30pm**. Interviews for the Youth Leadership Program will be scheduled for March 25 and 27. You will be contacted by Mr. Durst to set up your interview time. Decisions will be announced on Wednesday, March 29.

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Best time and way to contact you:

1. How did you hear about this volunteer opportunity?
2. Have you volunteered at Hagley before? If so, what did you do?
3. Are you able to attend the group training on Saturday, April 1 from 10:00am-4:00pm?
4. Why are you interested in becoming a Spark Cart volunteer?
5. What kinds of life and leadership skills would you like to practice? (These can be things like communication and public speaking, organization and time management, teamwork and collaboration, creativity, and/or self-confidence.)
6. Anything else you'd like us to know about you?