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# **VolunTEEN Program**

**Overview**



2017



## **Welcome to the Exciting VolunTEEN Program!**

The Myriad Gardens VolunTEEN Program is a ten week summer experience that provides high school students with an opportunity to gain leadership and communication skills, practical horticulture experience and be a part of a team. Teen volunteers will work in our Children's Garden on education walk-up programs, assist with educational and public events and receive one-on-one training from our expert horticulture staff. While working in this exciting, fast-paced environment, teens will have the opportunity to earn volunteer hours, give back to the community and make new memories and friends.

### **Schedule**

The VolunTEEN Program is June 5 – August 14, 2017. If accepted to the program, each teen will be required to volunteer the following:

**1** shift *per week* in the Children's Garden teaching Weekly Walk-ups. Shifts for Weekly Walk-ups are three (3) hours in length and are on Mondays through Fridays from 9:30am – 12:30pm.

**2** afternoon shifts with our horticulture staff learning about maintaining the Gardens. Horticulture shifts are three (3) hours in length and are available Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 4:00pm.

**8** public events or activities of their choice. Event calendars will be available that show all of the summer public events and activities and each volunTEEN will make their own selections. Shifts for Public Events vary in length and days of the week.

Teens will sign up for all of their volunteer work through our online program, Signup.com.

### **Qualifications of a VolunTEEN**

- Students entering grades 9 – 12.
- Dedicated and have the time to commit to the Myriad Gardens VolunTEEN Program, including attending all meetings, trainings and scheduled hours.
- Open to interacting with visitors of all ages.
- Comfortable speaking in front of a group, giving instructions, etc.
- Able to get along well with other like-minded high school students and work well in a team atmosphere.
- Interested in learning more about the Myriad Gardens and horticulture.

Applicants must use a qualified reference that can speak specifically about the student's leadership and volunteer experiences.



## Timeline and Important Dates for VolunTEENS

Below is the list of important dates. The Meet & Greet Kick-off Meeting, VolunTEEN Training and End of Summer Event are all **MANDATORY** to participate in the program.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday, March 10	5:00pm	Applications due
Monday, March 20 & Thursday, March 23	will schedule individually	Potential applicant interviews with committee/staff
Monday, March 27	5:00pm	Selected Applicants Notified
Monday, April 24	4:30 – 6:00pm	Meet & Greet Kick-off Meeting
Wednesday, May 31	1:00 – 5:00pm	VolunTEEN Training
Monday, June 5	8:00am	Program Officially Begins
Monday, August 14	6:00 – 8:00pm	End of Summer Event