

VOLUNTEER at Dickinson Museum Center

Our programs and activities are made possible, in part, by the enthusiastic support of volunteers

Working in various capacities our volunteers support our missions with their time and talents, giving back to their community and, we hope, enjoying helping bring the stories of our region to new audiences.

Museum Center volunteers contribute in many ways:

- ***Collections and Laboratory*** volunteers work under the supervision of the Curatorial Staff (Paleontology or History) and assist with collections management tasks (scanning, cataloging, conservation and arrangement), laboratory work (cleaning dinosaur bones) as well as exhibit development.
- ***Visitor Services*** volunteers work as docents (interpretive tour guides) providing guided tours for groups large and assist with other programming as well as acting as greeters and receptionists.
- ***Special Events*** volunteers typically support special programs, celebrations, festivals, or any Museum Center event that is geared to raise the Center's profile, and/or help generate operating or exhibit funds.
- ***Maintenance*** volunteers help maintain a safe and clean environment at the Museum Center. Working with the Museum Custodian these volunteers also assist with the fabrication of exhibits, and help maintain the Center's buildings including its historic structures.
- ***Education Services*** volunteers work with the Museum's Education Coordinator and/or Curators to assist with school groups, class presentations and children's activities.

Please call **701-456-6225**, or email [info \[at\] dickinsonmuseumcenter.com](mailto:info@dickinsonmuseumcenter.com) () to inquire about Volunteer opportunities.

VOLUNTEER IN THE DINOSAUR PREPARATION LAB!

We need your help cleaning up our dinosaur bones! If you are interested in dinosaurs and want to get involved, then why not volunteer in our laboratory?

Projects

Our available projects vary depending on what our fieldwork has recently uncovered, and your personal interest and ability.

Projects range from simple scrubbing away of mud with a toothbrush, to fine preparation of delicate fossils using more technical tools. For people who don't like getting their hands dirty, we have many dinosaur bone "jigsaws" - broken specimens that need to be pieced back together by a jigsaw fanatic!

It takes a lot of practice and especially patience to become skilled in fossil preparation. New volunteers are assigned a relatively simple first project, with following projects that are more complex, introducing new skills, equipment, or techniques.

General requirements

Volunteers should be age 15 or over, and need to be mature and able to work independently in a lab setting. We prefer that individual shifts are at least 2 hours, although exceptions can be made, especially for younger volunteers.

Contact

If you are interested in volunteering then email [denver.fowler \[at\] dickinsongov.com](mailto:denver.fowler@dickinsongov.com), call **701-456-6225** (museum front desk), or drop by the museum.





VOLUNTEER ON A FIELD CREW

Our field crews are mostly made up of volunteers.

We usually ask for a commitment of at least two weeks (although this is flexible depending on circumstances, especially experience). Campsites can also be quite remote, and very basic without amenities.

We typically work a six-day week with one day each week set aside for resupplying in town. Digging can be very hard physical work, in hot weather and rough terrain. Volunteers therefore need to be fit, and we insist on volunteers having valid health insurance. For legal reasons volunteers must be aged 16 or over.

If you are interested in volunteering on one of our summer field crews, then please see our [Fieldwork Volunteer Page](#) for more details of our program and how to apply, and/or email [denver.fowler \[at\] dickinsongov.com](mailto:denver.fowler@dickinsongov.com) (.)