



## **VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **WINGS OF FANCY GROUP TOUR GUIDE**

**LOCATION:** Brookside Gardens, Conservatory, 1500 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902-1369

**NEED:** Tour guides are needed for school groups Monday-Friday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in May, June, and September. Other special tours (e.g., summer camps) need tour guides on an "as needed" basis on weekdays.

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** Tour guides meet small groups (10-15 participants) and take them on a guided, informative walk through the Butterfly House.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- \* Work with staff to meet and organize large school groups
- \* Outline and enforce rules that the group will be required to follow
- \* Give interpretive 25-minute tours to groups about butterflies
- \* Answer visitors' questions concerning butterflies and plants in the exhibit
- \* Help prevent accidental or intentional removal of butterflies from the exhibit

#### **QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:**

- \* A strong interest in butterflies, horticulture, or related field
- \* Ability and enthusiasm for working with children and the public
- \* Ability to articulate with a clear speaking voice
- \* Ability to learn basic facts about butterflies
- \* Dedicated and dependable
- \* Minimum age of 16 years
- \* Ability to tolerate moderately high temperatures and high humidity

**TRAINING:** Training will take place in early May at Brookside Gardens Conservatory. Shift Supervisor will provide additional training when necessary.

**COMMENTS:** A large number of second-grade children visit the show each year due to the exhibit supporting the butterfly unit taught in Montgomery County's second grade curriculum. Seeing live butterflies up close is a fascinating experience for the students who visit the show. Helpful, informed Tour Guides greatly enrich the experience. For more information, call 301-962-1429, or email [MCP-GardenVolunteer@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:MCP-GardenVolunteer@montgomeryparks.org).