JOB TITLE: Planetarium & Science Technician (7753)

Job Summary:

Under the general supervision of the Planetarium & Science Center program manager develops marketing strategies, assists with media program production; makes public presentations; operates planetarium, star tour and other digital projection equipment; operates and maintains gift shop inventory and records; performs a variety of specialized and difficult clerical and secretarial work; relieves the program manager of administrative and clerical details; and performs related work as required.

Essential Job Functions:

- Makes public presentations in the Planetarium, History Theater and Learning Center Theater.
- Operates the ECCS computer program and reads ECCS code for the purpose of making presentations to Impact Center visitors.
- Assists in creating computer graphics for the purpose of creating new programs.
- Markets programs to planetariums for the purpose of building clientele.
- Receives encoding data from clients for the purpose of processing necessary client information.
- Processes client contracts for the purpose of meeting required TCOE and business office procedures and requirements.
- Operates the History Theater projection system for the purpose of providing history-related presentations to visiting groups.
- Operates the Full-Dome system for the purpose of presenting Full-Dome programs to visiting groups.
- Creates specialized tickets for the purpose of facilitating planetarium ticket sales.
- Processes invoices for the purpose of collecting appropriate fees for productions and presentations.
- Coordinates the presentations at the Ag Museum Learning Center and the Planetarium & Science Center for the purpose of providing workable staff schedules and presentations that are well-attended.
- Operates the Ag Museum projection system for the purpose of making presentations to visiting groups.
- Collects fees from visitors for the purpose of facilitating admission to the planetarium and depositing appropriate revenue with TCOE business services.
- Assists in studio filming for the purpose of creating media for new Center programs.
- Regulates merchandising, sales, deposits and record-keeping of the Center gift shop for the purpose of maintaining accurate records of the transactions which occur in the Impact Center gift shop
- Greets visitors, coworkers, principals, school staff, teachers, aides, parents, and the general public to furnish information, materials, and miscellaneous assistance.
- Prepares letters, memos, flyers, schedules, requisitions, confirmations, evaluations, scripts, information packets, various forms to provide accurate, complete and presentable documents.
- Maintains schedules, calendars (workshops, conferences, classes, evening and special shows), teleconferences, files, records (absence), activity expenses, and mileage to ensure efficient operations.
- Processes office mail, purchase orders, facility requests, pay vouchers, faxes to provide timely and accurate distribution.
- Operates word processor/computer, fax machine, laminator, calculator, copier, typewriter, answering machine, satellite, and AV equipment to complete essential functions.
- Inventories equipment and supplies to maintain an accurate record of items for the Tulare County Office of Education.
- Assists teachers, students, and the general public to greet and seat classes, introduce and run programs.
- Assists the supervisor for the purpose of processing Center programs.
 - Retrieves files and information for the purpose of complying with requests for information and materials.

Skills, Knowledge and/or Abilities Required:

Knowledge of:

- ECCS computer program operation and code interpretation;
- Planetarium projection formats and terminology;
- correct English usage, spelling, grammar and punctuation, office methods, practices and procedures, including letter writing; receptionist and telephone techniques;
- filing systems;
- computer programs including Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook, computer graphics, Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator;
- research methods and procedures;
- marketing strategies

Skills to:

- operate planetarium digital projection equipment; operate projection system in the History Theater and Learning Center Theater;
- record attendance and ticket sales of evening shows;
- operate electronic cash register; type at a speed of 45 words per minute from clear copy; edit and repair digital images;

Ability to:

- work effectively in a wide variety of situations involving the public and students;

- follow oral and written directions; perform clerical work requiring independent judgement, accuracy, and speed; understand the rules and procedures and apply them with good judgement in a variety of situations;
- maintain cooperative relationships with those contacted in the course of work;
- understand digital media production methods and techniques
- use computers to enter data, update and create correspondence, enter and retrieve documents;
- catalog, organize, and stock gift shop inventory;
- perform research on the Internet;
- create sales and deposit summaries.

Training Required:

On-the-job training or formal training in working with students and adults in a classroom setting.

Education Required:

High school diploma or the equivalent.

Licenses, Certifications, Bonding, and/or Testing Required:

Valid California Drivers' License and proof of automobile insurance. Department of Justice and FBI Fingerprint Response.

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt August 2015

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