

## Playground/Playhouse Monitor

**Position Summary:** The Playground/Playhouse monitor is responsible for maintaining a safe and enjoyable environment for visitors to Smith *The Kids' Play Place in the Park*. This position is the public face of the organization and needs to have exceptional people skills.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Answer questions and offer information for visitors to SMITH
- Understand the rules and regulations of the Playground and Playhouse and ensure that everyone entering the facility has been familiarized with them
- Be knowledgeable about all equipment on the Playground and be able to explain to parents and children not only how it is used but why it is used in that way
- Monitor children throughout the Playground and Playhouse including those in the slides area
- Work with other staff members to quickly address an incident in the event of an emergency
- Know the procedure when dealing with children with disabilities including wheelchairs

**Reports to:** Assistant Director

**Support:** Training for this position will be provided. In addition, the Assistant Director will be available for questions and assistance

### **Qualifications:**

- Understand how to take direction
- Be comfortable with people of various ages and diverse backgrounds
- Be able to climb stairs
- Be comfortable as either an independent worker or a team player, depending on the situation
- Be able to multi-task
- Responsible and careful worker

**Security Clearances:** Child abuse clearance and criminal background check are required and must be provided by the volunteer.

Smith Memorial Playground and Playhouse is a non-profit organization located in East Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, PA. Founded over 100 years ago to provide opportunities for imaginative and creative play for children, SMITH's 24,000 square foot Playhouse and 6 ½ acre Playground welcome 140,000 visitors annually. SMITH's mission is to provide children 10 and under from diverse backgrounds with free and accessible one-of-a kind play experiences that meet their physical, behavioral, and developmental needs. The Playhouse is open year-round for children 5 and under, and the Playground is open April – October for children 10 and under. Admission is free. SMITH is easily accessible from Kelly Drive, Route 76, or SEPTA bus #32 which stops at the Fairmount Park entrance at 33<sup>rd</sup> and Oxford Streets.

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