Visiting Astronomer Volunteer Form

Thank you for volunteering your time with Project ASTRO Appaloosa.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please return the volunteer form before April 30, 2003, to Project ASTRO Appaloosa, c/o Michael Allen, Dept of Physics, Washington State University, Pullman WA 99164-2814. For more information, see http://astro.wsu.edu/appaloosa/. You can contact us by: fax, 509-335-7816, and e-mail, mlfa@wsu.edu, or gworthy@wsu.edu. Project ASTRO is coordinated by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, http://www.astrosociety.org. Partial funding for Project ASTRO Appaloosa comes from the NASA Space Interferometry Mission, http://sim.jpl.nasa.gov.

The Project ASTRO Appaloosa astronomer selection will be based upon:
'Ability to commit to a practical training workshop on Aug 15-16, 2003 (Friday and Saturday) at WSU Pullman
'Connection with astronomy (via a club, department, planetarium, observatory, museum, library, other)
'Experience interacting with the public, especially school children
'The availability of an interested teacher in your area
'Ability to commit to at least four visits with a class

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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THE INFORMATION BELOW WILL HELP US MATCH YOU WITH AN APPROPRIATE TEACHER

1. Briefly describe your background and experiences in astronomy:

2. Briefly describe your experiences working with the public and/or school children:

3. Please list any science/astronomy organizations you are affiliated with (e.g., societies, clubs, planetariums, observatories, museums, science centers).

5. What topics within astronomy are of special interest to you?

6. What are your favorite astronomy teaching activities?

7. In what ways do you see yourself contributing to student learning and enjoyment of astronomy at a local school?

8. Is there a range of grades, within Grades 2 to 12, you prefer to work with?

9. We will place you in a school that is most convenient for you. Please circle all preferences that apply:

   Near home (describe the area):

   Near work (describe the area):

   Other areas (describe):

10. We ask that volunteer astronomers make at least 4 visits to their assigned class, in addition to planning sessions with their partnered teacher. Most visits will be during the day. Please describe when during the school year you are available, and what the best days/times are for meetings during the week.

11. Is there other information you wish to convey to the organizers of Project ASTRO Appaloosa?

By signing this form you are acknowledging that you are willing to make a commitment to the teaching and enjoyment of astronomy through the Project ASTRO Appaloosa program. You understand that you will be required to attend a training workshop for teachers and volunteers on the dates and locations listed at the top of this form. You certify that all of the above information is accurate. Thank you for taking the time to fill out this form.

Signature and date