

Overview

- Skills/Experience:
Interest in working with students in a classroom setting.
- Program Orientation/Training:
1-2 hour workshop
- Time Commitment:
4-6 weeks, one to two hours per week (includes classroom and preparation time)
- Benefits:
You can make an impact in your local schools and your community by influencing the ways in which youth are prepared to meet the future. By volunteering, you become a steward of your profession for today's youth.

Responsibilities During a School Visit

- **Volunteer**
 - Work with your teacher-partner to:
 - Review program content, and come prepared for each visit
 - Identify available presentation resources
 - Maintain cadence established by the schedule
 - Attend all scheduled sessions, notifying teacher/volunteer team in advance of absence
 - Serve as a role model and provide relevant 'real world' examples to students
 - Coach students by asking questions to guide them toward solutions
 - Make learning fun for the students!
 - Become familiar with school safety/security protocol:
 - Parking, entry/exit & check-in procedures
 - Evacuation/take shelter procedures
- **Teacher**
 - Responsible for classroom management and remain present in classroom during all volunteer visits
 - Communicate openly with volunteer(s)
 - Implement the AWIM program with industry volunteer(s)
 - Work with student teams in advance of each classroom visit to ensure each team is prepared
 - Ensure implementation of all volunteer and non-volunteer sessions
 - Evaluate student learning and recognize participation

Asking Permission from your Organization

It is recommended that volunteers request permission from their supervisor to leave work to volunteer for the AWIM program classroom activities. Here are a few tips to assist you:

- Provide your supervisor with background information about the AWIM program fact sheet.
- Explain that an important element of the AWIM program is having a volunteer-practitioner who can relate the AWIM program concepts to the business world. Volunteers provide an important aspect to the class by explaining how science, technology, engineering and math are used every day.
- It is also helpful to have a tentative schedule for the AWIM program volunteer sessions to provide a supervisor.
- Be sure to consider the time required traveling to the school and any meetings scheduled with the teacher prior to the program beginning.

Other Tips

A first time volunteer may also need to schedule time to prepare for the classroom session by reading the lesson plan or science notes. This work can be done outside of the work day. The AWIM program is an excellent opportunity to build community relations. The teacher and volunteer may consider contacting a local newspaper to participate in the final presentations at the conclusion of the AWIM program activity.

Teachers make the AWIM program happen...the hands-on activities make it exciting...as a volunteer, you will make it special!