

The Discovery Center for Science and Technology runs almost 100 percent on Volunteer Power! Do you want to be involved with the most fun project in town?

RAYS – Reading Awakens Young Scientists – offered during the school day most often. This program is presented in K-5 classrooms and adapted for other settings, i.e. libraries.

Story Tellers-RAYS Program: You will become familiar with a children’s book and retell it with excitement to elementary students as a motivational activity before a related science lesson. The story will be rehearsed and “acted out”. This is a great job for actors and story tellers! (Time Commitment: Dependent on number of RAYS program you sign-up for. Each program, which are conducted approximately 3 times per month, is approximately 2 hours in length.)

Science Teacher-RAYS: You will lead the class science lesson after the story is told. The lesson is already lightly scripted. Teaching experience is helpful. (Time Commitment: Dependent on number of RAYS program you sign-up for. Each program, which are conducted approximately 3 times per month, is approximately 2 hours in length.)

Classroom Volunteers-RAYS: Teaching assistant. You will have fun working with the kids, set up and pass out materials, and help the students with their experiments. No teaching experience is necessary. (Time Commitment: Dependent on number of RAYS program you sign-up for. Each program, which are conducted approximately 3 times per month, is approximately 2 hours in length.)

Family Science Night – a three-hour monthly event at schools or community centers featuring a variety of science-based, hands-on, fun activities for families to enjoy together.

Volunteers facilitate hands-on science and engineering activities for the students. The volunteer’s job is to encourage the students to make observations and to think about what is going on in the activity. Volunteers do not necessarily need a strong science background. Training and resources will be provided. The time commitment depends on the number of FSN programs registered for.

Discovery Center Teens – an educational service club for teenagers (grades 8-12) DC Teens meet monthly for programs on STEM Careers, fun doing hands-on science, and training for community service. DC Teens help out at Family Science Nights and community events.

Science Speaker Series – A series of lectures at the Cal Lutheran Thousand Oaks campus, covering a wide spectrum of science-themed topics.

Volunteers greet and register attendees and administer surveys. We also welcome suggestions for speakers.