



Mascot Handler

Summary: Vulcan Park & Museum is seeking a Mascot Handler who will be responsible to ensure that the mascot performer is kept safe. It will be your job to direct the mascot throughout venues and events and accompany him back to the break area. The Mascot Handler will work closely with the Mascot and report directly to the Relationship Outreach Coordinator, as well as other staff and volunteers if needed.

Duration: Seasonal

Hours: As needed, typical shifts are 2-4 hours in length.

About Vulcan Park & Museum: Vulcan Park & Museum is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve and promote Vulcan as the symbol for the Birmingham region, to advance knowledge and understanding of Birmingham's history and culture, and to encourage exploration of the region.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist the performer with getting in/out of costume.
- Help the performer get to and from the appearance area.
- Communicate with the public on behalf of the character. Prepare for creative, friendly responses to some of the most common questions, particularly by children.
- Take photos and send for social media posts.
- Pass out promotional materials to the crowd as needed. Be fully aware of the appearance schedule and break times. Carry a watch or time-keeping device, preferably with an alarm function.
- While the mascot is out in public, you are their eyes and ears. Always be looking around the immediate area, including to the sides and behind the character. Very often, a performer's vision is restricted so they will not be able to see small children that approach them. Make them aware by announcing to the mascot that they have 'a little friend' who has come to visit.

Qualifications:

- Experience working with young people.
- Experience working at public events.
- Be available for occasional midweek/ weekend community visits.
- Fan-friendly and outgoing individual with a dynamic personality.
- Able to carry out physical work and be able stand for at least an hour.
- Warm, friendly, patient, hardworking and easy-going personality.
- Sincere and outward heart for people and for Birmingham.
- Sense of ease and true enjoyment interacting with and getting to know people (including one-on-one interaction with both guests and small and larger groups).
- Reliable and dependable individual.

- Reliable transportation to travel to events throughout the community.
- Applicants must be 18 or over.

Contact Information:

If interested, please send resume and letter of interest to Relationship Outreach Coordinator, Amanda Hare (ahare@visitvulcan.com).