

FRIENDS of VANDERBILT DYER OBSERVATORY

**VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
VOLUNTEERS HAVE FUN! VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

If you love astronomy, science, space exploration, gardens, art, nature or local history, then volunteering at Vanderbilt Dyer Observatory can be a fulfilling and rewarding experience which allows you to give back to the community, preserve a unique piece of Nashville history and inspire tomorrow's explorers.

Community Events

If you are interested in participating as a community volunteer we will place your name on a call list for events sponsored by Dyer Observatory. Special events include Exploration Nights, Kids Exploration Nights, Bluebird on the Mountain Concerts, Space Exploration Science Camps, Teacher Workshops, Dyer Annual Picnic, Weekend Festival, community fairs, and other educational events.

Docent Program

The Docent Program provides volunteer leaders who provide information and interactive experiences to groups or individuals touring the Observatory and grounds. School Group Tours and Scouting Nights are arranged in advance and generally provide curriculum related and age appropriate astronomical information. Adult Group Tours are offered on a pre-scheduled or walk-up basis (during open hours). All Docents will receive training.

Friends Shop

Astronomers who are young and who are young at heart will love the merchandise offered by Dyer Observatory. Unique items include exclusive Orion Dobsonian telescopes, t-shirts and posters. Volunteers are needed to assist customers with merchandise during events.

Fundraising

Fundraising efforts strive to support the Mission of inspiring tomorrow's explorers through the wonders of exploration. Special opportunities include Annual Giving - Stellar Contributors, Bluebird Concert Sponsorships, Dyer Site Enhancement, Dream Chasers - a program of original music, Telescope Refurbishment, Weekend Exploration Festival Sponsorships, Run to the Sun Sponsorships and others.

Land Preservation

Preserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the 9 acres of Dyer Observatory is an ongoing process that requires the efforts of many. Join us in continuing to build the Eagle Trail, in enhancing the landscape and in creating a unique place where stars and nature converge.

Membership

As a not-for-profit organization, Dyer Observatory relies on a strong membership base to provide a foundation of community support. Our members are proof that Dyer Observatory inspires student and public interest in science through experiencing the wonders of astronomy and space exploration. Dyer Observatory offers many categories of membership with valuable benefits. Join us in engaging **Dyer Observers**.

If you are interested in Volunteer Opportunities with Vanderbilt Dyer Observatory, please contact Lynn McDonald at 615-373-4897 or email her at lynn.d.mcdonald@vanderbilt.edu.