

Teacher Ambassador Program

The Lake County Forest Preserves and Dunn Museum Teacher Ambassador Program provides a unique opportunity for Lake County K-12 educators to connect with history and environmental education-based resources and staff. It will allow teachers to increase their professional development skills, inquiry-based teaching skills, and connections to local resources and content. In return, Teacher Ambassadors will serve as an intermediary between their school and the Forest Preserves and Dunn Museum, helping to disseminate information about educational opportunities and provide feedback for how the Forest Preserves and Dunn Museum can best meet the needs of teachers and students.

Through the Teacher Ambassador Program, educators will:

- Help to pilot and shape a new virtual program.
- Become ambassadors for the Lake County Forest Preserves and Dunn Museum back at their school, helping to build and strengthen connections and foster larger educational opportunities.
- Become a voice for the needs of students and teachers of Lake County to the Lake County Forest Preserves and Dunn Museum in order to continue to create new, and improve existing, learning opportunities.
- Connect with their peers and create a learning community that can be utilized outside of the program itself, for continued professional development and support.
- Further develop skills in object-based and inquiry-based teaching and learning.
- Utilize Museum resources and collections and learn how to incorporate them in the classroom.
- Learn more about existing educational opportunities for teachers and students offered by the Lake County Forest Preserves and Dunn Museum.
- Participate in a minimum of **3 of 5 sessions** on a variety of topics incorporating local history and fostering connections between the Museum and the classroom, including a **mandatory orientation** training session at the annual Dunn Museum Teacher Open House.
- Create a culminating project.

To apply: Applications should be submitted either by email to nstocker@LCFPD.org or in person at the Lake County Forest Preserves General Offices at 1899 West Winchester Road in Libertyville by **November 6, 2020**.

2020-2021 Teacher Ambassador Program Dates

(Currently all held virtually on Zoom)

Program Orientation and Annual Teacher Open House	October 22, 2020 (Attendance Required)
Series 1: Hands-on History	December 10, 2020
Series 2: Object-based Learning	January 28, 2021
Series 3: Biographies	March 11, 2021
Year-end Celebration	May 20, 2021

Teacher Ambassador Program Application

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

Years Teaching: _____ Grade Level(s): _____

What is the primary language(s) spoken in your classroom? _____

How did you hear about this program? _____

Have you booked/attended programs with the Forest Preserves and Museum previously? Yes No

What does classroom education mean to you in today's world?

What challenges do you face as an educator that the Forest Preserves and Dunn Museum could assist with?

What do you hope to learn through participation in the Teacher Ambassador program?