

Teacher Ambassador Program

The Lake County Forest Preserves (LCFPD) 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 allows teachers to increase their professional development skills, inquiry-based teaching skills, and connections to local resources and content. In return, Teacher Ambassadors serve as an intermediary between their school, LCFPD and Dunn Museum, helping disseminate information about educational opportunities and provide feedback for how the LCFPD and Dunn Museum can better meet the needs of teachers and students.

Through the Teacher Ambassador Program, educators will:

- Help pilot and shape an improved program.
- Become ambassadors for the LCFPD 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 LCFPD and Dunn Museum in order to create new, and improve existing, learning opportunities.
- Connect with their peers and create a collaborative learning community that can be utilized outside of the program itself, for continued professional development and support.
- Earn Professional Development Training Credits.
- Further develop skills in object-based and inquiry-based teaching and learning.
- Utilize Dunn Museum and LCFPD resources and collections and learn how they can be incorporated in the classroom.
- Learn more about existing educational opportunities for teachers and students offered by the LCFPD and Dunn Museum.
- Participate in a minimum of 3 sessions on a variety of topics designed to incorporate local history and foster connections between the Dunn Museum, LCFPD, and the classroom.
- Create a culminating project.

To apply: Applications should be submitted either by email to nstocker@LCFPD.org or in person to the Dunn Museum in Libertyville by October 30, 2021.

2021-2022 Teacher Ambassador Program Dates *(Currently all held virtually on Zoom.)*

Program Orientation and Annual Teacher Open House	Virtual - September 23, 2021 <i>(Attendance Preferred.)</i> At the Dunn Museum - October 14, 2021 <i>(Attendance Preferred.)</i>
Session Dates (3 minimum)	TBD – Will be announced with acceptance to program.
Year-end Celebration	May 2022



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? QYes QNo

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?