

Museum Department

Associate Educator Kim Cobb

Museum of Riverside Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 28, 2024



Background & Education

- From Pasadena
- Settled in Riverside in 2015
- Started volunteering with children in 1995



California State University, Chico

- BA in History (2009)
- Certificate in Museum Studies

Institute of Education, University of London (now with the University College London)

- MA in Museums & Galleries in Education (2014)



Museum & Education Experience

Museum & Education

- Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology
- San Bernardino County Museum
- Fontana Unified School District
- Riverside Metropolitan Museum
- Riverside Unified School District
- Museum of Riverside



Museum & Education Experience

Freelance & Volunteer

- Board member of Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology
- Joshua Tree National Park projects
- Various mid- to small sized museum projects (educational videos, classes, programming)



Job Description & Overview

Description:

“The Associate Educator plans, organizes, & conducts education programs for the Museum & provides responsible, professional, & technical staff assistance.”

Overview:

enrichment
organize
onsite **plan**
offsite online
Virtual/online **Educational**
children's programs
INTERACTIVE
develop
create
programs
multi-age
community
diverse audiences

Philosophy

- Guide our participants on their journey for knowledge
- Help them do this by tapping into their individual experiences as they create meaning for themselves
- Allow others to tell their stories and provide space for that



On a regular day I may...

- Provide support for the Museum Educator
- Help run tours
- Help staff/plan events
- Write programming
- Design activities & crafts that are interactive & reinforce the program information



On a regular day I may...



- Help with the education side of exhibitions
- Provide general Museum support
- Sit on any & all committees that require my knowledge & expertise



What's Next?

Currently I'm looking toward 2024:

- That means I'm thinking about our 100th year events & activities!
- I'm overseeing the calendar
- I'm ensuring all events are confirmed & booked
- I'm making sure we're ready!



What's Next?



Reopening programs & events:

- I'm excited about new exhibitions
- I'm looking at fun ways to educate in the new space
- I'm reviewing architects' plans
- I'm creating new programs for schools & tours, & reimagining how we can continue our partnerships with teachers & other local educators



Thank You



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RECOMMENDATION

That the Museum of Riverside Board receive and file a presentation on the Museum of Riverside's Associate Educator and the education programs she oversees.