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Volunteer Benefits

In recognition of volunteer contributions Smithsonian volunteers are offered a wide range of benefits. Benefits may change without notice; volunteers should check with their supervisor for details.

The following Smithsonian benefits and discounts are available to all Smithsonian Volunteers:

- 20% discount at all Smithsonian Enterprises Museum Stores.
- Reduced rate at Smithsonian eateries. This includes access to staff-only cafeterias where food is already sold at the discounted rate.
- One free IMAX or Planetarium ticket per week, subject to availability (does not include special feature commercial movies). Guests receive the lowest public reduced rate.
- Free parking at NASM's Udvar-Hazy Center.
- Free admission to the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum in New York.
- Invitations to virtual and in-person enrichment training opportunities and special behind-the-scenes tours of Smithsonian and non-Smithsonian museums and exhibitions.
- Access to the Volunteer Vault for Smithsonian news, events, volunteer resources, and updates from across the Institution.

The following Smithsonian benefits require additional steps:

- Reduced volunteer rate on Smithsonian National Membership. Volunteers are eligible for the National Smithsonian Membership at a discounted rate of $10. Membership includes receipt of the Smithsonian Magazine and other members-only discounts. Visit https://subscribe.smithsonianmag.com/gift.php?idx=173 to sign up.
- 20% discount at Smithsonianstore.com and the Smithsonian Catalogue throughout the year with discount codes.
- A Smithsonian Library card. Anyone with a valid Smithsonian ID badge can receive borrowing privileges at SI libraries. Visit any SI Library or go to Get a Library Account to get the required form to apply for a library card account.
- Free flu vaccination and health risk assessment through the Occupational Health Services when available. Contact 202-633-9355 for more information.
- 10% discount on Smithsonian Journeys tours and cruises. The discount may be applied to any Journeys program (excluding private jet expeditions, family adventures, and Smithsonian Tailor-Made Journeys by Audley Travel), along with one (1) companion who travels with you. To book a tour, you may reserve your space by visiting www.SmithsonianJourneys.org or call 1-855-330-1542 Mon-Fri, 9 am–6 pm ET to speak to a destination specialist. Please note, the 10% staff discount cannot be combined with other offers, and does not apply to airfare, applicable taxes, extensions or port charges. (*When booking your trip, please be prepared to supply your supervisor's full name and SI email address for verification purposes.)

The following Non-Smithsonian benefits and discounts are also available:

- 20% discount at the National Gallery of Art Museum Stores with valid SI ID badge.
- Reduced rate at the National Gallery of Art public food facilities with valid SI ID badge.
- Eligibility to join the AgFed Credit Union. Visit the website at www.agfed.org or call 202-479-2270
- 10% discount to park at any participating ParkWhiz garage. After setting up your ParkWhiz account. Use the coupon code VOLUNTEERDC10 and enter it into the Promo Code field at time of check-out.
- Various museums around the world offer SI staff and volunteers free or discounted admission. Always take your valid SI ID Badge when you travel.

For further information on any of the information above, please contact your supervisor.