

Call for Volunteers for Ask-a-Scientist

Once every month for the last decade, there has been a Sunday afternoon Ask-a-Scientist program for our neighbors in order to tell them what particle physics is all about, what Fermilab is doing now and our plans for the future, and, most importantly, to give our visitors the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a scientist to have their questions answered. Our volunteers consider this to be an easy and fun way to participate in public outreach. The programs occur in Wilson Hall, from 1-3:30 PM, on the first Sunday of each month, except for those months where it is pushed back by holiday weekends. We have a public presentation (~ 45 minutes) on some physics or related science or engineering topic, followed by tours to the Linac and Main Control Room, and to the 15th floor to meet typically three scientists for questions and answers. During February, we join with the Lederman Science Education Center Open House for an expanded session to meet the scientists.

We have filled our presenters' schedule through August, 2011. We are calling for volunteer scientists, which can be anyone from graduate students to retirees, to fill the dates from February through July to meet the visitors and to answer their questions. If you are interested in participating, please review the schedule below, and let me know which dates you are available and any preference. If you are interested in providing a presentation later in the year, please also let me know, with possible dates and proposed topic.

Sunday, February 27 – 1-3 PM – Lederman Science Education Center Open House – First Session
Sunday, February 27 – 3-5 PM – Lederman Science Education Center Open House – Second Session

Sunday, March 6 – 1-3:30 PM – presentation: Brendan Casey – Matter and Antimatter

Sunday, April 3 – 1-3:30 PM – presentation: Dhiman Chakraborty – What are Elementary Particles

Sunday, May 1 – 1-3:30 PM – presentation: Dave Harding - Magnets

Sunday, June 5 – 1-3:30 PM – presentation: Mike Albrow – Seeing Particles

Sunday, July 10 – 1-3:30 PM – presentation: Bob Zwaska - Accelerators

Please e-mail me (peterg@fnal.gov) with your available dates or with any questions.

Thank you,

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