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**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY SEEKING
VOLUNTEER MUSEUM GUIDES**

Montgomery, AL (9/21/16) – The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) is seeking volunteer museum guides to lead student and adult tours of the Museum of Alabama. Flexible schedules are available and training will be provided.

The Museum of Alabama, located inside the ADAH, features award-winning, Smithsonian-quality exhibits that explore Alabama's past from prehistory to the present. Every year, thousands of students and visitors from around the world tour the museum. Volunteers are needed to lead student and adult tours in the fall of 2016 and spring of 2017. Qualifications for guides include good communication skills, the ability to work well with people of all ages, and an interest in teaching others. Museum tours typically last one hour. "With so many groups visiting the museum, we need more volunteer guides to help us tell Alabama's story in an effective and meaningful way," said Wesley Garmon, ADAH Education Coordinator. "Volunteering is a great way to enhance your interpersonal skills, boost your resume, and share your love of our state with others."

Training for prospective museum guides will be held on Friday, October 7, 2016 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the ADAH. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer guide or would like more information, contact Sara Kunau at (334) 353-4712 or sara.kunau@archives.alabama.gov.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. It is the state's government records repository, special collections library and research facility, and is home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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