

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: WINTER HIKING SERIES

Throughout January and into February every Saturday quite a few of you came out to help our Education and Programming staff put on our first-ever Winter Hike Series here in Butler County with great success! You brave volunteers are what made this event work and we couldn't have pulled it off without you! As everyone came out to serve through unseasonably high highs and near record-setting lows, making sure the groups stuck together on the trail and helped cook/serve over 250 bowls of the soup.

With so much positive response from the community, this will surely be an event that we hope to repeat and grow in the future, and for that from the Education department we cant say thanks enough!



TRAIL AMBASSADOR UPDATES

Looking for new trails to explore? The following parks haven't seen many Ambassadors!

To Join the Trail Ambassador program email us at

volunteering@yourmetroparks.net

- Sycamore Bluff Area - Four Mile Creek MetroPark (Hike)

- Angst Nature Preserve MetroPark (Hike)
- Antenen Nature Preserve - Four Mile Creek MetroPark (Hike)
- Mill Race - Four Mile Creek MetroPark (Hike)
- Gilmore MetroPark (Hike)
- Timbe Hill Area- Rentschler Forest MetroPark (Hike)
- Meadow Ridge - Elk Creek MetroPark (Hike)
- Green Heron MetroPark (Hike)

Share your volunteer story!

Do you have a story or message from a volunteer experience? We want to hear about it! Your stories, will be featured in the monthly newsletter. So everyone will get a chance to see all the different projects going on in the MetroParks! To submit a story, messages and any photos you want to share send them to volunteering@yourmetroparks.net

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YOUR PARKS ON FACEBOOK!

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH

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Run the Parks 5k Series

We are looking for volunteers to provide general support assist with the setup, teardown of the 5k markers and registration/snack tables, manage participant check-in, keep the snack table stocked, and possibly manning the turnaround point aid station.

- March 2 - 8:30am-12:30pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

Woodcock Wooing - Hiking Sweep

Love is in the air! Enjoy the sights and sounds of the mating display of the American Woodcock during this crepuscular (early evening) hike. Learn about the mysterious lifestyle of this shorebird and its many names such as timberdoodle and bog sucker.

- March 2 - 5:30pm-7:30pm
Elk Creek MetroPark - Sebald Park

Discovery on the Farm Series

Join the programming staff at Chrisholm Historic Farmstead for our regular Discovery on the Farm series. Volunteers will work with staff to set up the program activities, support participants with crafts, and clean up.

- March 7 - 9:30am-11:30am
Chrisholm MetroPark
- March 21 - 9:30am-11:30am
Chrisholm MetroPark

Pioneer Village Spring Cleaning

Join MetroParks Staff for a spring cleaning of our Pioneer Village at Governor Bebb MetroPark We'll be opening up all the cabins to prepare them for the upcoming field trip and programming season!

- March 6 - 9:00am-4:00pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark
- March 12 - 9:00am-4:00pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark

Farm Helper Orientation

Looking for a new way to get involved with the parks, curious about what it takes to raise farm animals? Meet with Metroparks staff for a monthly orientation of our Farm Animal Care program. See what it takes to work with the farm animals living at Chrisholm Historic Farmstead!

- March 15 - 3:30pm-4:30pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

TAPs Hiking Monitor Orientation

Looking for a new way to volunteer, get some exercise, and explore nature? Join us for our monthly Trail Ambassador Program Hiking Monitor meeting. This hour-long meeting is meant to introduce potential new volunteers to TAPs as we take a hike through one of our parks and go over the responsibilities of a Hiking Monitor!

- March 22 - 10:00am-11:00am
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

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- March 22 - 12:00pm-1:00pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

[**SIGN UP HERE!**](#)

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Community Service Day - Litter Cleanup

Join the MetroParks as we take advantage of the low water levels in the wetlands at Gilmore MetroPark to collect as much litter throughout the park as possible! Gilmore is a critical destination for a wide variety of bird species and litter reduction helps make it a safe space for native animals to thrive.

- March 23 9:00am-12:00pm
Gilmore MetroPark

Pioneer Village Spring Cleaning

Looking to become a volunteer for our living history field trips. This training opportunity is for both new and returning volunteers for the Pioneer Field Trip programs we host at Governor Bebb MetroPark before the spring field trips kick-off.

- March 26 - 9:00am-4:00pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark
- March 28 - 9:00am-4:00pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark

Nest Box Monitor Orientation

Looking for a new way to volunteer, learn more about the wildlife in our parks, and become a citizen scientist? Join us for our monthly Bluebird Nest Box Monitor meeting. This hour-long meeting is meant to introduce potential new volunteers to the Nest Box Monitor program as we go and run through the roles and responsibilities of a Nest Box Monitor as we go out and check our actual Nest Boxes spread through the parks.

- March 29 - 1:00pm-2:30pm
Forest Run MetroPark

Choppportunities - Invasive Species Removal

Join MetroParks staff as we meet to continuously work on beating back the invasive species in our parks making room for natives to thrive

- March 5 - 9:30am-11:30am
Forest Run MetroPark
- March 7 - 3:30pm-5:30pm
Forest Run MetroPark
- March 12 - 9:30am-11:30am
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- March 14 - 3:30pm-5:30pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- March 19 - 9:30am-11:30am
Green Heron MetroPark
- March 21 - 3:30pm-5:30pm
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- March 28 - 3:30pm-5:30pm
Elk Creek MetroPark



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