

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2023

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: EDGEWOOD NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



November may have been a light month for volunteer projects but that doesn't mean those that did serve did any less work! On November 9th Edgewood High School National Honor Society came out to Voice of America MetroPark to help take down 70 soccer nets at the Athletic Complex. The Voice of America Athletic Complex features 23 natural grass and two multi-purpose lighted turf fields to accommodate almost any type of sporting event played prepping the Athletic Complex for winter is a monumental task for staff, and taking down and properly storing those soccer nets can end up being a multi-day job for one or two staff. For this group of highly motivated students, however, it was a quick two-hour project!

The National Honor Society has now for over a century worked to enshrine four pillars at its heart: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. More than mere badges of honor for NHS members, these principles are transformative keys that unlock potential, enhancing every student's educational journey, and ultimately empowering them to make profound, enduring contributions to our world.

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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Winter Hike Series

January 6th - February 3rd

MetroParks' inaugural weekly hiking event will highlight Butler County's winter beauty at a different park each week. These guided hikes will average about three miles and will end with a hot beverage and a bowl of soup.

We will be looking for volunteers to follow behind the hiking groups to make sure no one gets separated but also to help with the setup, serving, and teardown of the soup station. Signup details will be posted on Better Impact soon!

CALLING ALL FARM HANDS

Interested in learning how to work with farm animals, Or just interested in a new way to volunteer? We are always looking for volunteers to join our Farm Helper and Farm Caretaker teams. Volunteers will start working with staff and with enough time be allowed to work with the animals alone if they are comfortable. This is a pre-scheduled volunteer opportunity that requires volunteers to spend 1-3 hours at the farm. Dates are flexible. If interested please send an email to volunteering@yourmetroparks.net



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR DECEMBER

To register and see other events sign in to your MyImpact Account

Discovery on the Farm - Wreaths

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. This is a public-facing volunteer opportunity. Volunteers must be 14 and older

December 7th, 9:30 am-11:30 am
Chrisholm MetroPark

Annual Christmas Bird Count

Calling all beginners and experienced birders to join us for the 124th Annual Audubon's Christmas Bird Count Day! Participate as a volunteer in the longest-running community science survey in North America. We are looking for volunteers to not only help with the count but also follow behind the group and keep it from getting too spread out. This is open to volunteers 18 and up

December 16th, 9:30 am-12:00 pm Elk
Creek MetroPark - Sebald Park

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December 14th, 9:30 am-11:30 am
Chrisholm MetroPark

Community Service Days - Invasive Species Removal

Join our Natural Resources team for the last project of the year as we work to clear space for native plants to thrive with the clearing of bush honeysuckle and Callery Pear along the Timbermen Ridge Trail at Forest Run MetroPark

December 30th, 9am-12pm Forest Run
MetroPark

SIGN UP HERE!

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

- Elk Creek MetroPark - Meadow Ridge (Bike)
- Gilmore MetroPark - Miami 2 Miami (Bike)
- Sebald Park- Elk Creek MetroPark (Hike)
- Wildlife Preserve - Forest Run MetroPark (Hike)
- Green Heron MetroPark (Hike)
- Indian Creek MetroPark (Hike)
- Rentschler Forest MetroPark (Hike)

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