

VOLUNTEER

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2024

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: BUTLER TECH GREEN ENGINEERING

On December 15th, Students from Butler Tech's Green Engineering program joined MetroParks Staff to work on removing honey suckle from the wetlands at Woodsdale Park - Chrisholm MetroPark. Woodsdale Park is a seasonal wetland. As our birder friends know, it is a major hub for many different bird species, so any efforts to remove honey suckle opens up room for different natives to thrive providing better nutrients for more bird species.

The Green Engineering program began in the fall of 2023. This project-based pathway at the Natural Science Center is for students who want to help improve their global environment by integrating agriculture and technology. These students will develop a foundation of understanding of the environment, explore natural resources and the impact of business and manufacturing on the environment, and explore real-world environmental issues and the design and application of environmentally conscious solutions and innovative products and processes to reduce waste and manage limited natural resources.

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

- Miami Woods - Hamilton Parks Conservancy (Hike)
- Great Miami River Trail (Hike/Bike)

- Sebald Park- Elk Creek MetroPark (Hike)
- Wildlife Preserve - Forest Run MetroPark (Hike)
- Angst Preserve MetroPark (Hike)
- Antenen Nature Preserve - Four Mile Creek MetroPark
- Sycamore Bluff - Four Mile Creek MetroPark (Hike)
- Mill Race Area - Four Mile Creek 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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OPPORTUNITIES FOR JANUARY

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

Little Learners Series

Little learners and their caregivers will discover nature and science topics together through hands-on experiences, games, songs, outdoor time, and more!

We are looking for volunteers to support staff in putting on this weekly program.

- January 9 - Reading the Weather
- January 16 - Grow as We Go
- January 23 - Backbone Bonanza
- January 30 - Ice Pioneers

9:30am-11:30am Chrisholm MetroPark

Winter Hike Series

Join us for the inaugural MetroParks of Butler County Winter Hike Series! This weekly hiking event will highlight the beauty of Butler County in winter by exploring a different park each week. These guided hikes will average about 3 miles and end with a hot beverage and a bowl of soup. 9:30am-12:00pm

- January 6 - Voice of America MetroPark
- January 13 - Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- January 20 - Meadow Ridge Area, Elk Creek MetroPark
- January 27 - Timberman Ridge, Forest Run MetroPark
- February 3 - 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!

January 12th, 9:30am-11:30pm Chrisholm MetroPark

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.

- January 11 - Shake off your Tails
 - January 25 - Feathers, Fat, and Fur
- 9:30am-11:30am Chrisholm MetroPark

Martin Luther King, Jr., National Day of Service

Work with MetroParks Staff at Chrisholm MetroPark as we tackle several projects around the Historic Farmstead ranging from replacing our chicken's outdoor enclosure to repairing our rabbit hutch, and more! We are looking for volunteers comfortable working with hand tools such as hammers, crowbars, screwdrivers; as well as electric drills. January 15th, 9am-12pm 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!

January 19th, 10:00am - 11:00am Green Heron MetroPark

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

THE MISSION OF THE METROPARKS OF BUTLER COUNTY IS TO PROVIDE A SUPERIOR PARK SYSTEM THAT MAXIMIZES THE COMMUNITY'S QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND RECREATION.



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