

Ready to make a difference?



Easy steps to becoming a Natural Areas volunteer

- Previous Experience Not Required
- Weekday Availability Preferred

- 1 Complete a volunteer application, available at memorialforest.com, or pick up a copy at our Welcome Center.
- 2 Attend an orientation session, which we will schedule upon approval of your volunteer application.
- 3 You're ready to start! Basic volunteers can greet guests in the Welcome Center, assist with special events and respond to individual requests.

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“Paul Revere earned his living as a silversmith. But what do we remember him for? His volunteer work.”

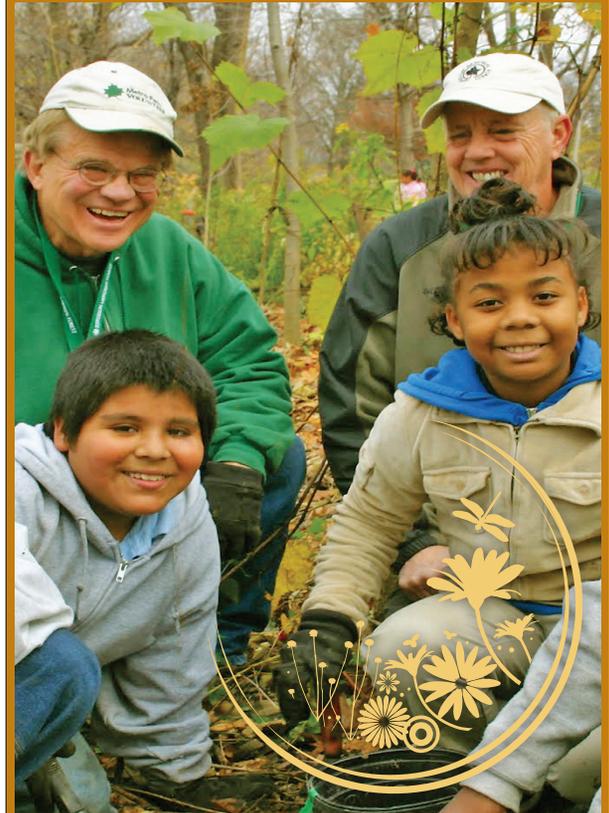
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**METRO PARKS
AND RECREATION**

If you have questions, please contact
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natural areas Volunteers



Why Volunteer?

Louisville Metro Parks and Recreation's Natural Areas Division encompasses over 7,000 acres, spread across numerous properties throughout Louisville Metro.

At 6,400 acres, Jefferson Memorial Forest is Louisville's largest park, and serves as the Natural Areas staff headquarters.

A valuable component to the success of Natural Areas, and all the publicly-owned lands Metro Parks oversees, is the strength of our volunteer force.

Taking part in volunteer activities demonstrates civic pride, helps maintain the beauty and natural services of Louisville's parklands, and provides numerous personal benefits.

Natural Areas volunteers:

- 🌿 Learn new skills
- 🌿 Make new friends
- 🌿 Explore career and personal interests
- 🌿 Receive certifications and trainings
- 🌿 Earn service hour benefits
- 🌿 Uncover hidden skills and talents
- 🌿 Increase self-confidence
- 🌿 Make a difference

And most of all... HAVE FUN!

Enhance your experience!

Become a specialist in one or more of the following categories. Check our training schedule at memorialforest.com, to find the next available class on your topic of interest.

**TS indicates a teaching specialty; the volunteer will lead groups and teach this subject.*

**SS indicates a service specialty; the volunteer will perform these services largely behind the scenes.*

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP



Trail Team • Assist with maintenance and development of new trails. **SS*



Land Steward • Improve natural area habitat through invasives removal, propagation and protection of woodland flora. **SS*



Herbicide • Study and earn a state-approved herbicide license to assist in invasive plant control. **SS*



GPS • Global Positioning System training, available through recommendation from staff. **SS*

OUTDOOR RECREATION



Alpine Tower • Help teach confidence and problem-solving skills by assisting guests on our 52-foot climbing tower. **TS*



Archery • Learn and then teach basic archery skills. **TS*



Canoeing • Learn to paddle under various conditions, then teach and assist others. **TS*



Orienteering • Learn and teach wayfinding skills such as map and compass reading. **TS*



Team Building • Help groups find common ground, learn mutual trust and master teamwork skills. **TS*

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION



Absolutely Animals • Focuses on animal adaptations, ecological niches and specific habitats. **TS*



Animal Care • Provide routine care for Environmental Education animals. **SS*



Kentucky's First People • Teach the daily life and survival skills of Kentucky's American Indians. **TS*



ECHO • Work with children in our award-winning Engaging Children Outdoors program, in partnership with JCPS. **TS*



Pond Study • Help students discover aquatic life in stream, pond and lake ecosystems. **TS*



Survival Skills • Teach skills including firestarting, shelter building, and wild edibles. **TS*