

VIP Newsletter



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For the latest Hancock Park District volunteer opportunities, trainings, and information.

It really all adds up...

We appreciate what you do as volunteers and look what you've done!

Nationally -

About 61.8 million people, or 26.4 percent of the population, **volunteered** through or for an organization at least once between September 2007 and September 2008, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported.

In Ohio -

Based on an average using 2006 to 2008 data

2.7 million volunteers

29.9% of residents volunteer - ranking them

21st among the 50 states and Washington, DC

309.2 million hours of service

Info from Volunteering In America



At the HPD -

In 2008, we had **383 volunteers** (not individuals, since many people volunteer more than once) giving us 1,180 hours and 15 minutes of service! That's an average of just over 3 hours per volunteer.

Through July 2009, we've already had 198 volunteers with 602 ½ hours donated.

We couldn't do our many programs and events without all of your help and look forward to working with you in the future!

Volunteer Spotlight

This season's VIP Spotlight of the Hancock Park District recognizes one of our volunteers, Alicia Appleton of Findlay. She's been a volunteer with the parks since 1994.

Alicia has helped out with many of our programs and special events including, Dogpawlooza, Maple Sugarin', Hancock County Fair, Popcorn nights at the Riverside Concert Series, Discovery Center Assistant,

She also helps out at the Historic McKinnis Garden and helped clean, starch and press some of the clothing from the McKinnis House.



Discover!
Your Hancock Parks



September

Saturday, September 12 - Campfire

6pm

RRA

VIP - 1: Special Events Volunteers to assist with program, set-up and clean-up. Bring a lawn chair too!
5:30-8:30pm

Sunday, September 13 - Seeds

2pm

ONP, DC

Learn how seeds travel, then we'll walk to the prairie

VIP - 1-2: Discovery Center Assistants to assist with setups, program, and cleanup. 12:30pm-4:15pm

Sunday, September 13 - Roll Out the Barrel

1:30-4:30pm

LMW

VIP - 2-3: Special Event Volunteers to serve root beer to public that's attending the McKinnis house program and help with set-up and clean-up. 1-5pm

Monday, September 14 - Discovery Story: Ants

10am & 1pm

ONP, DC

For children ages 3-6 with an adult companion.

VIP - 2: Educational Assistants to assist with setup, activity, and cleanup. 9:15-11:15am or 12:30-2:15pm

Monday, September 28 - Wee Ones: Seeds

10am & 1pm

ONP, DC

For toddlers three and under with an adult companion.

VIP - 2: Educational Assistants to assist with setup, activity, and cleanup. 9:15-11:15am or 12:30-2:15pm



October

Sunday, October 4 - Harvest the Past

1-5pm

LMW

An annual celebration of harvests of the past. Music, horse-drawn hayrides, spinning demonstrations, children's activities and visit the 1840's McKinnis House and workshop.

VIP - 10: Special Event Volunteers to assist with setup, conducting children's and other activities, and cleanup. 12:30-5:30pm

Thursday, October 15 - Fall Canoe Float

7pm - 9pm

RS, Boathouse

Bring the family out to enjoy a leisurely canoe trip on the Blanchard River as we explore the sights and sounds of nature.

VIP - 2: Outdoor Recreation Assistants to assist with checking in participants, handing out equipment and loading and unloading of canoes. 5:30-8pm

Sunday, October 18 - Black Bears

1-4 pm

ONP, DC

VIP - 1-2: Discovery Center Assistants to assist with setups, program, and cleanup. 12:30pm - 4:15pm

October cont.

Monday, October 19 - Wee Ones: Black Bears

10am & 1pm

ONP, DC

For toddlers three and under with an adult companion.

VIP - 2: Educational Assistants to assist with setup, activity, and cleanup. 9:15-11:15am or 12:30-2:15pm

Saturday, October 24 - Ghost Hike

5:30-10:30

LMW

VIP - 10: Special Event Volunteers to assist with setup, other activities, and cleanup.

5-11pm

November

Monday, November 2 - Discovery Story:

Opossums

10am & 1pm

ONP

For children ages 3-6 with an adult companion.

VIP - 2: Educational Assistants to assist with setup, activity, and cleanup. 9:15-11:15am or 12:30-2:15pm

Sunday, November 8 - Birds of the Feeders

2pm

ONP, DC

VIP - 1-2: Discovery Center Assistants to assist with setups, program, and cleanups. 12:30pm-4:15pm

Monday, November 16 - Wee Ones: Getting Ready for Winter

10am & 1pm

ONP, DC

For toddlers three and under with an adult companion.

VIP - 2: Educational Assistants to assist with setup, activity, and cleanup. 9:15-11:15am or 12:30-2:15pm

December

Sunday, December 6 - Williamsburg Wreath Workshop

2pm

ONP, DC

VIP - 1-2: Discovery Center Assistants to assist with setup, program, and cleanup. 1:30pm-4:15pm.

Monday, December 7 - Discovery Story: Squirrels

10am & 1pm

ONP

For children ages 3-6 with an adult companion.

VIP - 2: Educational Assistants to assist with setup, activity, and cleanup. 9:15-11:15am or 12:30-2:15pm

Monday, December 14 - Wee Ones: Exploring Nature

10am & 1pm

ONP, DC

For toddlers three and under with an adult companion.

VIP - 2: Educational Assistants to assist with setup, activity, and cleanup. 9:15-11:15am or 12:30-2:15pm



LMW - Litzenberg Memorial Woods
ONP, DC - Oakwoods Nature Preserve, Discovery Center
RRA - Riverbend Recreation Area
RP - Riverside Park



Training & Monitoring Dates 2009

Project FeederWatch

We are about to enter our 3 season of Project FeederWatch this fall! We are always looking for new volunteers to help count the birds at Oakwoods' Discovery Center. No experience necessary.

Our training this year will be in conjunction with a public program at the Discovery Center. Birds of the Feeders will be held on Sunday, November 8 at 2pm. You'll learn how we count the birds and what birds we can see.

No registration is necessary, just show up at the program. Dates that we will be counting we be available for sign-up at the training.

Days of Caring

A big thanks to our Days of Caring groups that help get our parks and buildings in order this late April. They helped paint inside and out, pick up trash and move one the trails at Oakwoods. Groups were from the following businesses, some are listed with their group names:

- Marathon TTM Electronic
- The Right Thing
- Cooper Buffed Sidewalls
- First Federal
- Kohl's Distribution
- Marathon YLS and TTM
- Cooper Disturbia



In the new year....

Just a reminder from Sarah Betts, Natural Resources Coordinator that volunteering and training for frog/toad monitoring, wildflowers and bluebird trails will be starting back up in February.

Volunteers needed

Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Program running again this fall

The HPD in partnership with the OSU Extension Office is pleased to announce another session of the OCVN program. Our first was held in Spring of 08 with 15 participants.

This year's class will be held on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-9pm, running from August 25 to October 20 with 2 Saturday dates of Sept 12 & Oct 3 from 9-3:30.

Each session will cover a topic in the nature world such as mammals, birds, interpretation, geology and so on. Please contact the HPD for a brochure or for more information.

Hancock County Fair Booth

The Hancock County Fair runs from September 2 – 7 this year. We had great success with volunteers helping to man the table of information we had in the ACTT tent last year. We are looking for volunteers again this year and below are days and times:

Wed. Sept 2, Fri. Sept 4 & Sat. Sept 5

11-1:30; 1:30-4; 4-6:30; 6:30-9

Thurs. Sept 3 & Sun. Sept 6

1:30-4; 4-6:30; 6:30-9

Mon. Sept 7

10:30-1:30

Wed. Sept 2

Also 9-11am

Please give me a call if you are interested and would liked to be contacted when the dates get closer.

VIP Purpose Statement

The Purpose of the Volunteer In the Parks program is to offer opportunities for area and county residents to give personal time and talents to supplement HPD staff in providing quality programs, maintaining parks for public use, and preserving natural areas.



MAKE A SMILE... AND SHARE ONE TOO!



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Some of our volunteers this past year....



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