



VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTIONS

Our volunteers are a diverse group of individuals who are committed to making a difference in their community. Without their talents and dedication, we could not do what we do. Whether you have an hour or a day, we hope you will consider joining Wesselman Woods in our mission to create experiences that connect people with nature, motivate them to lead sustainable lives and take action to protect our environment.

Below are brief descriptions of the positions for which we need volunteers. You can use these descriptions in conjunction with the “Volunteer Interest Indicator” to help you decide where and how you want to volunteer with us. Note that some positions require further specialized training, which will be provided periodically when needed. The trainings will provide you with the knowledge, skills, and experience necessary to confidently and professionally represent Wesselman Woods in conducting the volunteer tasks.

Education - Help us deliver our environmental message:

Our education volunteers share their enthusiasm for the natural world with people of all ages at on- and off-site programs and events. Our programs serve individuals, families, informal groups, and organized groups from schools, scouts, and civic organizations. No expertise is required!

School Field Trip Programs work with Wesselman staff to lead hikes and station activities for weekday morning school field trip programs. Lesson plans and program scripts are provided and in-depth program training can be offered.

Special Events assist with various special events throughout the year. Team members may assist at the event selling tickets, leading or assisting with interpretive hikes or activity stations, setting up/tearing down supplies, or serving refreshments. Events include the Maple Sugarbush Festival, Wandering Owl Beer and Wine Trail and Harvest Festival.

Weekend Nature Center Docents interact with visitors of all ages at the Wesselman Nature Center, engaging through conversation and activities. Docents present informal nature oriented “pop-up” programs based on their own interests and experience. Talking points and material can be provided.

PlayScape Rangers The Nature PlayScape is a three acre natural play area. It provides a place for children to engage in self-directed nature-based play. Volunteers will greet and engage guests, answer

general questions, reset play areas, check and report maintenance needs, and provide modeling of play strategies as needed. Training will be provided.

Animal Care assists in feeding, watering, and cleaning after fish, reptiles, amphibians and/or birds. Good observational skills are beneficial and being able to work independently is required. Training on care and handling will be provided.

Animal Docent participates (solo or assisting) in educational opportunities about animals, their ecological roles, and conservation. They will use live animals and/or biofacts in public engagements. Docents will be trained on basic care and handling.

Administration - Behind the scenes, there's plenty to do:

Front Desk/Admissions process guests admission fees and membership sales using an iPad system, give guests simple directions, and answer the phone as needed. Training will be provided.

Clerical help staff with administrative tasks such as data entry, making copies, stuffing envelopes, cutting out craft templates, etc.

Grounds & Facilities - Help us keep things ship-shape:

Wednesday Work Crew Members meet once a week on Wednesday mornings, starting at 8:00 AM. They tend to the most pressing maintenance needs of our grounds and facilities. The crew concludes work at noon and has lunch together in the kitchen.