



Forest Preserve District of DuPage County

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We are pleased to offer many interesting opportunities for volunteers to assist and support staff in carrying out the goals of the diverse programs we offer at the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County. Below are the current volunteer programs and positions. This list may be updated throughout the year and may change as positions are filled and new opportunities are created. Potential volunteers will need to fill out the volunteer application and will be contacted to interview for available positions. We ask for a one-year commitment for all positions unless noted. Visit the District website to read more about the volunteer programs and view detailed position descriptions.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with us!

Volunteer Programs & Opportunities

Volunteer Programs & Positions	Min. Age	App. Deadlines	Vol. Season	Minimum Hours
DANADA EQUESTRIAN CENTER IN WHEATON				
Equestrian Camp Aide	14	None	Varies	60 hrs/yr
Equestrian Facility Aide	18	None	Varies	40 hrs/yr
Equestrian Program Aide	14	None	Year-round	4hr/wk & Fall Fest
FULLERSBURG WOODS NATURE CENTER IN OAK BROOK				
Animal Care (Can be a Family)	16 or 10yr+adult	None	Year-round	2-4 hrs/wk
Gardener	16	None	Year-round	4+ hrs/mo
Historical Researcher	16	None	Year-round	4+ hrs/mo
Site Assistant	16	None	Year-round	20 hrs/yr
Nature Center Attendant	16	None	Year-round	10hrs/mo
KLINE CREEK FARM IN WEST CHICAGO				
Historical Farming Interpreter	18	Feb 1 June 1 Oct 1	Year-round	16 hrs/mo
Apprentice Interpreter Closed for 2022	13-18	May 1	June-August	8 hrs/wk for 10 wks
Beekeeping Demonstrator	18	Feb 1 June 1 Oct 1	Year-round	8 hrs/mo
Domestic Arts Demonstrator	18	Feb 1 June 1 Oct 1	Year-round	8 hrs/mo
Family Program	Parent w/ Child 6y+	Feb 1 June 1 Oct 1	Year-round	8 hrs/mo
General Interpreter	18	Feb 1 June 1 Oct 1	Year-round	8 hrs/mo
Trades Interpreter	18	Feb 1 June 1 Oct 1	Year-round	8 hrs/mo
Visitor Center Attendant	18	Feb 1 June 1 Oct 1	Year-round	8 hrs/mo
MAYSLAKE PEABODY ESTATE IN OAK BROOK				
Caretaker Closed for 2022 construction	18	None	Year-round	6 hrs/mo
Estate Gardener Closed 2022 construction	16	None	Apr-Oct	6 hrs/mo
Program Assistant Closed 2022 construction	18	None	Year-round	12 hrs/yr
NATURAL RESOURCES, DISTRICTWIDE Requires specific <u>Exp</u> erience & Educational <u>Req</u> uirements				
Amphibian Monitor	18	Feb 1	Mar-July	20 hrs/yr
Bird Monitor	18	March 1	Year-round	20 hrs/yr
Bluebird Monitor	18	Feb 1	Mar-Jul	25 hrs/yr
Butterfly Monitor	18	March 1	Jun-Aug	20 hrs/yr
Co-Steward Exp + Req	21	None	Year-round	30+hrs/yr
Danada Garden Volunteer	18	None	Apr-Oct	6+ hrs/mo
Dragonfly Monitor	18	March 1	May-Sept	20 hrs/yr
Fungus Monitor Exp + Req	18	March 1	Apr-Nov	10 hrs/yr

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NATURAL RESOURCES CONT'D				
Herbicide Volunteer Exp + Req	21	None	Year-round	Flexible
Native Plant Nursery Lead	18	None	Apr-Nov	Flexible
Native Plant Nursery Volunteer	18 or 12-17 w/adult	None	Apr-Nov	Flexible
Rare Plant Monitor Exp + Req	21	March 1	Seasonal	2+ visits/season
Restoration Workday Volunteer	18 or 8-17 w/adult	None	Year-round	Flexible
Steward Exp + Req	21	None	Year-round	40 hrs+/yr
SPECIAL SERVICES, DISTRICTWIDE				
Special Events Assistant (mostly outdoors)	16	None	Year-round	3+ events
Special Events Photographer	18 or 14 w/adult	None	Year-round	5+ events
Special Projects Assistant (mostly indoors)	16	None	Year-round	6+ projects
Special Projects Clean-Up Crew Family Program	16 or youth w/adult	None	Year-round	10+ dates
Special Services Gardener	16	None	Year-Round	Flexible 20 hrs/yr
Special Services Mentor (Scout & Serve)	18	None	Year-Round	Flexible 20 hrs/yr
ST. JAMES FARM IN WARRENVILLE				
Gardener	16	None	Apr-Oct	4 hrs/mo
Historical Researcher	18	None	Year-round	40 hrs/yr
Program Assistant	18	March 1	Year-round	4 hrs/mo
Visitor Center Attendant	18	None	Year-round	4 hrs/mo
TRAIL WATCH PROGRAM, DISTRICTWIDE				
Bike Patrol Foot Patrol	18	Feb 1 June 1	Apr-Oct or Year-round	6 hrs/mo + 1 event
VISITOR ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM, DISTRICTWIDE				
Interpreter Assistant	16	Nov-March	Year-round	12 hrs/yr
Interpreter Lead	16	Nov-March	Year-round	12 hrs/yr
Interpreter Outreach Assistant	16	Nov-March	Year-round	12 hrs/yr
Interpreter Summer Camp Assistant	16	Nov-March	Year-round	25 hrs/wk 1 wk min
VOLUNTEER RANGER PROGRAM, DISTRICTWIDE				
Program Assistant	18	Feb 15	Year-round	20 hrs/yr + 1 event
WILLOWBROOK WILDLIFE CENTER IN GLEN ELLYN Requires specific Exp erience & Educational Req uirements				
Certified Veterinarian Technician	Exp+ Reqs	None	Year-round	4 hrs/wk
Family Program Animal keeper	10+ w/adult	None	Year-round	4 hrs/wk
Junior Keeper	13-17	Feb 1	June-Sept	4 hrs/wk
Junior Wildlife Interpreter	13-17	Feb 1	June-Sept	2-4 hrs/wk
Rehabilitation Keeper	18+	None	Year-round	4 hrs/wk
Resident Keeper	18+	None	Year-round	4 hrs/wk
Transport Volunteer	18+	None	Year-round	4 hrs/wk on call
Veterinarian	Exp+ Reqs	None	Year-round	4 hrs/wk
Student Animal Keeper Educ Req's	18+ Requ's	None	Apr-Oct	16hrs/wk for 6 wks

An active risk-management program is in place to minimize hazards for volunteers. Preventative measures are taken to reduce the risk of physical injury and exposure to disease. Volunteers are expected to comply with all safety precautions for the protection of themselves, other volunteers, Forest Preserve District staff, the public, natural areas and animals. The District recommends that volunteers stay current with their tetanus vaccinations and that they tell their doctors about the possibility of volunteering with or near wildlife or domestic animals. Individuals who may be immunocompromised or who are pregnant should tell their doctors about their volunteer work. Their doctors may make recommendations to minimize their exposure to disease.

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