



<b><u>VOLUNTEER PROGRAM:</u></b>	<b>KLINE CREEK FARM</b>
<b><u>POSITION TITLE:</u></b>	<b>Family Program Volunteer</b>
<b><u>COMMITMENT:</u></b>	<b>Monthly (8 hrs/month)</b>
<b><u>LOCATION:</u></b>	<b>Kline Creek Farm, West Chicago IL</b>
<b><u>APPLICATION DEADLINE:</u></b>	<b>February 1, June 1, &amp; October 1</b>
<b><u>MINIMUM AGE:</u></b>	<b>Parent with child 6+ yrs</b>

### **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE POSITION**

This position involves assisting staff in demonstrating 1890s farming activities in a historic setting. Specific assignments for family members depend on the adult volunteer's position. Volunteers wear historical costumes of the 1890's while performing their duties. Duties may vary at the discretion of the District staff. There may be situations and tasks where the volunteer is interacting with the public and responding to questions and requests for information. Direction and training is received from staff.

### **PRIMARY VOLUNTEER DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED**

- Assist staff with the presentation of education programs and greeting facility visitors.
- Interpret site activities and answer questions from the public.
- Provide informational tours to visitors.
- Maintain the appearance of the facility.
- Assist with special events related to Kline Creek Farm and the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

### **REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS**

Required knowledge is provided at mandatory trainings and orientations. Additional skills needed are: ability to interact positively with the public and staff, effective communication skills, ability to interpret and apply written and verbal instructions, willingness to learn from staff and accept feedback.

### **PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by a volunteer to successfully perform the duties of the volunteer position.

While volunteering, the volunteer is regularly required to stand; walk; use hands to feel, finger or handle; reach with hands and arms; talk or hear. The volunteer is frequently required to climb, balance or stoop; kneel, crouch or crawl. The volunteer is occasionally required to sit. Specific vision abilities required by this position include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus.

### **VOLUNTEER ENVIRONMENT**

The volunteer environment characteristics described here are representative of those a volunteer encounters while performing the duties of the volunteer position.

The volunteer is regularly exposed to outside weather conditions on uneven or rough terrain. The volunteer is frequently exposed to high and precarious places and fumes or airborne particles, including allergens. The

volunteer is occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate. The volunteer often performs duties in dim or low light.

### **PROVISIONS**

This is an unpaid volunteer position, which exists to assist staff and to provide supplemental support for the District's programs. This position is undertaken freely on the part of the volunteer with no payment or expectation of payment of salaries, wages, compensation or other types of benefits. The District may from time to time alter or terminate volunteer positions and programs. Volunteer status may be changed or discontinued by the District at any time and for any reason, including a volunteer's failure to comply with District ordinances, policies and direction governing conduct in the performance of volunteer duties in the field or on District premises.

### **PURPOSE**

**The purpose of Volunteer Services Program at the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County is to engage volunteers who are willing to donate their time, talents and resources to support the programs and staff in carrying out the mission, purpose, and guiding principles of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and the volunteer programs.**

### **FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF DUPAGE COUNTY MISSION**

As mandated by the Illinois Downstate Forest Preserve Act, our mission is "to acquire and hold lands containing forests, prairies, wetlands, and associated plant communities or lands capable of being restored to such natural conditions for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna and scenic beauty for the education, pleasure and recreation of its citizens."

### **PURPOSE**

To acquire, preserve, protect and restore the natural resources in DuPage County while providing opportunities for people to connect with nature.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Stewardship, Sustainability, Community Engagement, Innovation, Empowerment, and Diversity & Inclusion. Visit [dupageforest.org](http://dupageforest.org) to learn more.

For more information contact the Volunteer Services Department at (630) 933-7233 M-F 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.