

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2016

**KNOW SOMEONE
WHO WOULD LIKE
TO VOLUNTEER
AT THE PARK?**

**TELL THEM TO
APPLY!**

**TO SIGN UP FOR
ANY ACTIVITY
INCLUDING
VOLUNTEER
TRAININGS,
PLEASE CONTACT
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***UPCOMING*
VOLUNTEER
TRAININGS**

- APRIL 11 @ 10AM
HISTORICAL
CLOTHING
- APRIL 25 @ 10AM
VERNAL
WILDFLOWERS



NATURE DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON APRIL 23, 2016

Darke County Parks is excited to announce that we will be hosting our 5th annual Nature Day program on **Saturday, April 23, 2016**. Nature Day will be held from 10AM until 3PM at Shawnee Prairie Preserve. At this time we are seeking interested Park volunteers to come out and host a nature related station. Our current plan is to have 2-3 volunteers per station for the duration of the program; however if you are unable to assist with the entire day, please let me know and we can adjust accordingly.

What to expect the day of the event? At each station, the families / children will visit your station and complete an activity, task, or skill. We will provide

you all the needed information and supplies for each station. Once the visitor has completed the task, you will stamp their "Nature Day Passport" and they can go on to the next station. This year will be

having 10 stations throughout the woods, prairie and wetlands. Our stations for 2016 are listed below with details to come very soon.

2016 Nature Day Stations:

Welcome Tent/ Info Tent

Rocks

Storybook Trail

Plant A Tree

Box Turtles

Stream Quality Monitoring

Barefoot in the Mud

Habitat Healer

Fairy Gardens

Kites

Binoculars

Native Plant Sale

Nature Day Floater



SCHOOL PROGRAMS NEED YOUR HELP!



Friday, April 15
(1st grade) 9:30a – 11:30a

Thursday, May 12
(3rd grade) 9:30a – 11:15a

Friday, April 29
(8th grade) 8:45a – 11:00a

Friday, April 15
(1st grade) 12:00p – 2:00p

Thursday, May 12
(3rd grade) 12:15p – 1:45p

Friday, April 29
(8th grade) 11:45p - 2p

Friday, May 6
(pre-K) 10:00a – 11:00a

Tuesday, May 24
(1st grade) 9:30a – 11:30a

ADOPT A PARK VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Have you been looking for a way to volunteer and get outside too? Look no further! Be a volunteer who walks the trails and keeps our parks beautiful! Tell us what park you want to adopt and which week of the month you want to monitor it. Report back to us regarding vandalism, fallen trees and pick up any trash.

Adopt for one week per month or all month long!



Parks Available:

Winterrowd Wetlands
Coppess Nature Sanctuary
Routzong Preserve
Turkeyfoot Preserve
Prairie Ridge Meadow
Shawnee Prairie Preserve
Worth Family Nature Preserve
Eidson Woods Preserve
Tecumseh Trail (bike trail)

DARKE COUNTY PARKS LOG HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES

Once again this summer and early fall we will have the Log House open to the public and we would **love** to have your assistance making the afternoons a success. Below you will find a healthy list of the Saturdays that the Log House will be scheduled to be

open from 1:00PM until 4:00PM starting May 28! While volunteering with the Log House we ask that period attire is to be worn (if you don't have your own, please visit the Nature Center and we will find you an outfit!).



ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

Front Desk Receptionists

greet visitors, answer phones, gift shop



Animal Care

clean enclosures, feed animals, monitor animal health



Bike Trail Work Days

clear brush and cut down trees

