

Volunteer Opportunities

Forest Restoration

Assist with plant and trail maintenance in the 41-acre Beargrass Creek State Nature preserve. Work under supervision to remove invasive species and plant native species. No experience necessary, but volunteers must be able to lift up to 25 lbs, hike in all types of weather, and use basic tools such as loppers and shovels. Work days are scheduled ahead, usually on weekdays with occasional weekends. This position is open to volunteers ages 18 and older.

Maintenance

Are you handy and skilled in a wide range of repairs? Previous maintenance volunteers have helped to build and repair structures both indoors and out, examined plumbing issues, A/C units, and more! Maintenance volunteers are invaluable to our staff, and may be called upon to check out structural issues at any time.

Groundskeeping

Keep the grounds around the Nature Center looking beautiful by mowing grass, pulling weeds, and cleaning up litter. Equipment is provided. Volunteers work independently and can set their own schedule. This is a great way to give back to the community while enjoying the fresh air and sunshine outside.

Handy Helper

Put your skills to work and help the Louisville Nature Center with occasional projects such as assembling rain barrels, pouring concrete, and other hands-on work as needed. Volunteers are added to a call list and contacted as needs arise. This position can be a way for you to get involved at LNC if your schedule makes regular volunteering difficult. Handy Helpers who can commit to consistent volunteering on a weekly basis can expect to help with cleaning, mulching, and other frequently needed tasks.

Educational Assistant

Educational Assistants work with LNC staff to provide a fun, safe, and enriching experience for students on field trips and at day camps. Duties include leading hikes, games, and activities for students ages 4-12. Volunteers work on an as-needed basis for a minimum of 2 hours at a time. Must be 16 years of age or older, enjoy working with children, and be able to hike in all types of weather. A background check is required for volunteers ages 18 and older.

For more information, contact Mary Ford Rodes, Volunteer Coordinator, at maryford@louisvillenaturecenter.org