

APRIL



2024

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

This April 21st through the 27th here in the MetroParks and across the country we celebrate National Volunteer Week. A time to reflect on, highlight, and thank all of you our volunteers for your achievements here in the MetroParks so much of what we do wouldn't be possible without your acts of service.

Whether it is Desiree N. and her children Lillian and Cameron serving year-round as Farm Caretakers at Chrisholm MetroPark making sure our farm animals are well cared for, Jeff G. who has hiked and inspected over 300 miles worth of trails in our parks as a Trail Ambassador, or Steve B who takes meticulous note on the conditions of our Bluebird and Tree Swallow populations as a Nest Box Monitor.

To all our volunteers past, present, and future - Enjoy this week, thank a volunteer if you see them in action, and reflect on all your achievements, and once again, thanks for choosing to serve with the MetroParks.



TRAIL AMBASSADOR UPDATES.

Looking for new trails to explore? The following parks haven't seen many Ambassadors!

To Join the Trail Ambassador program email us at volunteering@yourmetroparks.net

- Antenen Nature Preserve - Four Mile Creek MetroPark (Hike)
- Mill Race - Four Mile Creek MetroPark (Hike)
- Line Hill Mound MetroPark (Hike)
- Salamander Run MetroPark (Hike)
- Voice of America MetroPark (Hike)

Share your volunteer story!

Do you have a story or message from a volunteer experience? We want to hear about it! Your stories, will be featured in the monthly newsletter. So everyone will get a chance to see all the different projects going on in the MetroParks! To submit a story, messages and any photos you want to share send them to volunteering@yourmetroparks.net

STAY UP TO DATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR PARKS ON FACEBOOK!

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL

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Run the Parks 5k Series

We are looking for volunteers to provide general support assist with the setup, teardown of the 5k markers and registration/snack tables, manage participant check-in, keep the snack table stocked, and possibly manning the turnaround point aid station.

- April 2 - 8:30am-12:30pm
Indian Creek MetroPark

There Goes the Sun: Eclipse Watch Party

Join us for a fun and immersive way to celebrate the solar eclipse on April 8th We'll learn about the science behind the eclipse, enjoy hands-on activities, and of course, have a front-row seat to this once-in-a-lifetime moment.

- April 8 - 8:00am - 5:00pm (multiple shifts)
Forest Run MetroPark - Timberman Ridge

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

This year, we are kicking off Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 16 - April 22) with a Volunteer Appreciation Cookout on Saturday, April 19, 2024 at Rentschler Forest MetroPark, Reigart Road Area! This casual gathering is open to our MetroParks volunteers to celebrate all of the amazing things they do for our community! Volunteers are invited to bring their family and friends as well.

- April 19 - 3:30pm-6:30pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

Farm Helper Orientation

Looking for a new way to get involved with the parks, curious about what it takes to raise farm animals? Meet with Metroparks staff for a monthly orientation of our Farm Animal Care program. See what it takes to work with the farm animals living at Chrisholm Historic Farmstead!

- April 12 - 3:30pm-4:30pm
Chrisholm MetroPark

TAPs Hiking Monitor Orientation

Looking for a new way to volunteer, get some exercise, and explore nature? Join us for our monthly Trail Ambassador Program Hiking Monitor meeting. This hour-long meeting is meant to introduce potential new volunteers to TAPs as we take a hike through one of our parks and go over the responsibilities of a Hiking Monitor!

- April 19 - 10:00am-11:00am
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

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- April 19 - 12:00pm-1:00pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

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METROPARKS VOLUNTEER SPRING PICNIC



Grill Out, Music, Games and Recognition

Cummin Shelter

Rentschler MetroPark

5701 Reigart Rd., Fairfield Twp., 45011

RSVP by 4/16 on Better Impact

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Earth Day - Litter Cleanup

Join the MetroParks this Earth Day as we serve at Gilmore MetroPark to collect as much litter throughout the park as possible! Gilmore is a critical destination for a wide variety of bird species and litter reduction not only helps us keep the parks clean and tidy but helps make it a safe space for native animals to thrive.

- April 20 9:00am-12:00pm Gilmore MetroPark

Evening Lantern Hike

Join us for a guided lantern hike through Rentschler's forests. Look at the stars through the tree tops and listen to the sounds of nature on this laid back hike. We will go about a mile and traverse some uneven terrain and minor slopes. We are looking for volunteers to follow behind the the group and make sure no one is separated

- April 27 - 8:30pm-9:30pm Harbin Park

Chopportunities - Invasive Species Removal

Join MetroParks staff as we meet to continuously work on beating back the invasive species in our parks making room for natives to thrive

- April 9 - 9:30am-11:30am Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- April 11 - 3:30pm-5:30pm Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- April 16 - 9:30am-11:30am Green Heron MetroPark
- April 23 - 9:30am-11:30am Elk Creek MetroPark
- April 25 - 3:30pm-5:30pm Elk Creek MetroPark

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