

**Three Rivers Park District  
Service Projects For Breck Upper School May Program  
May 21 to June 4, 2012**

# OPENINGS	LOCATION	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
1-2 (preferably seniors)	Lowry Nature Center, Carver Park Reserve, Victoria	<p><b><u>NATURALIST ASSISTANT/ SPECIAL PROJECT SUPPORT</u></b> Volunteers will assist naturalists with preparation and teaching of nature and cultural history programs. Duties will also include support work on special projects such as animal care, construction of education equipment, garden planting/maintenance, exploration area enhancements and photography. <u>Requirements:</u> A sincere interest in working with children and sharing nature with people of all ages, abilities and cultures; an appreciation of nature, interest in making a positive impact on our environment and a willingness to work hard and be outdoors in all kinds of weather. <u>Work Hours:</u> 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. weekdays (Hours can vary depending on project; however, because of school group schedule it is important that students arrive by 9 a.m. most days) <b><u>Supervisor:</u> Brett Sieberer, 763-694-7650, <a href="mailto:bsieberer@threeriversparkdistrict.org">bsieberer@threeriversparkdistrict.org</a></b></p>
2	Richardson Nature Center, Hyland Lake Park Reserve, Bloomington	<p><b><u>NATURALIST ASSISTANT</u></b> Team up with interpretive naturalists to set up for, teach, and cleanup from environmental education programs. Position is outdoors and indoors, getting down to students' level, encouraging and assisting elementary age children with hands-on learning. <u>Requirements:</u> A sincere interest in children and the environment; experience working with or volunteering with children; a desire to make a positive impact on our environment and a willingness to share nature with people of all ages, abilities and cultures. May Term positions will be filled on a first-come first-served basis. Applicants fill out an application, complete an interview and background check. <u>Work Hours:</u> Varies each day, weekdays between 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Weekend opportunities exist in April and May as well as summer weekdays with summer camps. <b><u>Supervisor:</u> Stacey Sigurdson, 763-694-7678, <a href="mailto:ssigurdson@threeriversparkdistrict.org">ssigurdson@threeriversparkdistrict.org</a></b></p>
1 or 2	Gale Woods Farm, Minnetrista	<p><b><u>FARM EDUCATOR ASSISTANT / FARM-GARDEN WORKER:</u></b> Volunteers are needed to assist with school programs using the farm animals, greenhouse, gardens, pastures, and recreation areas of the educational farm. Volunteer activities may include preparing for and leading programs, developing materials for programs, and interacting with farm visitors of all ages. Volunteers are also involved in farm and garden work such as farm animal care, planting and maintaining both a production garden and a teaching garden. <u>Requirements:</u> Volunteers must enjoy working with children, working outdoors in all weather, and be excited about working in a farm/garden setting. <u>Work Hours:</u> 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., weekdays. Hours are negotiable, and can vary based on program needs. <b><u>Supervisor:</u> Andi Anderson; 763-694-2003, <a href="mailto:aanderson@threeriversparkdistrict.org">aanderson@threeriversparkdistrict.org</a></b></p>

1-3	The Landing-Minnesota River Heritage Park <i>(formerly Historic Murphy's Landing), Shakopee</i>	<p><b><u>ASSISTANT HISTORY EDUCATOR/FARM &amp; GARDEN MAINTENANCE WORKER:</u></b> Volunteers are needed to assist with school programs about Minnesota in the mid-1800s using historic props, costumes and buildings at a living history site. Volunteer activities may include preparing for and assisting with programs, developing materials for programs, and interacting with visitors of all ages. Volunteers are also involved in farm and garden work such as farm animal care, planting and maintaining fields, vegetable gardens and flower gardens. Requirements: Volunteers must enjoy working with children, working outdoors in all weather, and be excited about working in a historic setting with numerous outdoor features. <u>Work Hours:</u> 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., weekdays. Hours are negotiable, and can vary based on program needs. <b>Supervisor: Rich Williams, 763-694-7786; <a href="mailto:rwilliams@threeriversparkdistrict.org">rwilliams@threeriversparkdistrict.org</a></b></p>
1	French Regional Park, Plymouth	<p><b><u>OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM ASSISTANT:</u></b> Assist with various Outdoor Recreation programming including: fishing, GPS navigation, orienteering, canoeing/kayaking, team building and low ropes course work. Activities and times vary depending on request. Smaller projects available associated with Outdoor Recreation programming. <u>Work Hours:</u> same as school hours, weekdays. <b>Supervisor: Alex McKinney, 763-694-7720, <a href="mailto:amckinney@threeriversparkdistrict.org">amckinney@threeriversparkdistrict.org</a></b></p>
4-5	French Regional Park and Eagle Lake Regional Park, Plymouth	<p><b><u>NATURAL RESOURCES AND GOLF LANDSCAPE PROJECT ASSISTANTS:</u></b> Assist with a variety of projects that benefit wildlife, native plant and forests communities and public enjoyment of park areas including: invasive species control (pulling plants), putting up turtle nesting fences at French, protecting oak seedlings by spraying deer repellent, putting cages on seedling oak trees, wildlife monitoring (either turtles or birds) and landscaping work. <u>Preferred Work Hours:</u> 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or as long as possible. (It works best when the entire group can report at the same time.) <u>Reporting locations:</u> French Regional Park Field Operations Center and Eagle Lake Golf Center as scheduled. <b>Supervisor: Bill Vollbrecht, 763-694-7820, <a href="mailto:bvollbrecht@threeriversparkdistrict.org">bvollbrecht@threeriversparkdistrict.org</a></b></p>
2	Noerenberg Gardens, Orono	<p><b><u>NOERENBERG GARDENER</u></b> Have a hand in creating one of the area's nicest gardens, visited and enjoyed by many people. There will be an opportunity to learn identification and care of many different plants. As a gardener, you will be involved in our spring preparation and planting. Requirements: A willingness to work hard and get dirty; an appreciation of nature; an interest in gardening and a willingness to work outdoors in all kinds of weather. <u>Work Hours:</u> 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays <b>Supervisor: Arla Carmichiel, 763-694-7845, <a href="mailto:acarmichiel@threeriversparkdistrict.org">acarmichiel@threeriversparkdistrict.org</a></b></p>

NOTE: Eastman Nature Center in Elm Creek Park Reserve is closed for construction during May Program in 2012.

For specific information on each position, contact the staff listed above. For general volunteer information, contact Deb Vosler, Volunteer Coordinator, at 763-559-6704 or [volunteer@threeriversparkdistrict.org](mailto:volunteer@threeriversparkdistrict.org) with any questions.