

# Volunteer Opportunities

June 2022

NOTE: Some of the volunteer opportunities listed below may require onboarding and a background check.

## UPDATES

### District-wide Notices

### REMINDER Volunteer Training Center

#### Three Rivers Volunteer Training – Action Required

The deadline is fast approaching! If you are over 16 and have not yet completed all of the required trainings and Volunteer Handbook Acknowledgement you have until July 1, 2022, after which your volunteer work will be paused until the training is completed ([www.threeriversparks.org/page/volunteer-training-center](http://www.threeriversparks.org/page/volunteer-training-center)) is located in the Volunteer Resource Center.

If you do not have internet access or are otherwise uncomfortable completing this on your own, we have several options available to enable you to complete the training prior to the deadline of July 1, 2022.

- **Plymouth Office:** Computers can be made available at our Administrative Center at 3000 Xenium Lane. Please call the Volunteer Office at 763-559-6706 to schedule a time. Volunteer Office staff will assist you through the process.

- **Park Sites:** If you would rather complete your training at a Three Rivers park closer to your home, please contact your volunteer liaison at the park to schedule a time and date to use their computer. Volunteer liaisons will be able to assist you through the process.

- **Library:** If you have a library card, the library offers free use of their computers. Access to the Training Center is [www.threeriversparks.org/page/volunteer-training-center](http://www.threeriversparks.org/page/volunteer-training-center).

## Save the Date

### *Volunteer Picnic*

Date: Sunday, Sept. 18

Location: The Landing in Shakopee

Save the date for the annual Volunteer Picnic! Volunteers are invited to join us for lunch and programming. More details coming soon!

## Seasonal Positions

### *Three Rivers is Hiring!*

Many Three Rivers facilities have seasonal positions available for the spring & summer. Please help spread the word if you know of anyone who might be interested!

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/threeriverspd>

## Big Woods Classic

Volunteers: Park Patrol, registration, racer food and more

Date/Time: Saturday, July 30 for 7AM-3PM in shifts

Location: Carver Park, Waconia

Contact: Katie Brom, 763-559-6704 ([Katherine.brom@threeriversparks.org](mailto:Katherine.brom@threeriversparks.org))

# VOLUNTEER OPORTUNTITES

## District Wide/Varying Locations

### **Photography Assistant**

Description: Document activities, events, programs, landscapes, and wildlife around the Park District for promotional and marketing resources. Three Rivers Photo and Video Media Specialist will provide training on brand standards, general composition and layout, expectations for interacting with the public, process to sign up for photo shoots, and how to read shot sheets.

Requirements: Specialized skill in camera knowledge (camera must take at least a 12-megapixel image), photo composition knowledge, attend twice yearly meetings, complete at least six photo shoot shifts (shifts are between 2-4 hours) per year.

Application Process: <https://forms.office.com/r/WPimKAm59V> . Submit a portfolio of 5-10 of your best photos and a short paragraph describing your interest in this position.

Note: Not all who apply to be a Photography Assistant will be chosen for this position.

Contact: Laura Jarriel, Photo and Video Media Specialist, [Laura.Jarriel@threeriversparks.org](mailto:Laura.Jarriel@threeriversparks.org)

### **NEW – Summer Count Project Assistant - Research**

Description: Jon Nauman of the Research and Evaluation-Planning department will be conducting another session starting Memorial weekend lasting through Labor Day. If you are interested in this data gathering mission here are a few details:

- Most counting locations are observation only with little to no visitor interaction.
- Many locations do require you to be outside for the count time rain or shine, others can take place inside your vehicle.

Providing your own chair will be helpful for most counts. A few of the counts require you to walk several minutes to arrive at your counting destination.

- Counts will be taking place this time at all our parks and will include regional trails.
- It's recommended that you schedule at least 10 days in advance of your shift to secure your spot(s). Many of the spots not taken 10-14 days before the count date will be assigned to staff. Counts will take place on good and bad weather days; however, personal safety is top priority, so we strongly encourage not counting when you perceive the weather as unsafe.
- Only one volunteer (or volunteer household) can schedule per shift. Schedule is first come, first serve.
- You will be required to commit to a minimum of 6 2-hour sessions (or more if you like) during the summer.
- Ongoing volunteers are required to be 18 years or older.

To volunteer, send your name, phone number, and email address to Joan Claude at ([joan.claude@threeriversparks.org](mailto:joan.claude@threeriversparks.org)) You will then be contacted by Jon who will provide additional information and sign-up instructions.

## **Carver Regional Park/Lake Minnetonka Regional Park**

Contact: Austin Lane - 763-694-2075, [Austin.lane@threeriversparks.org](mailto:Austin.lane@threeriversparks.org)

### **Swim Lesson Assistant (Lake Minnetonka)**

Volunteers: Assist instructors Tuesday-Thursday mornings with children's lessons at the swim pond, help with greeting and group management. Volunteers should be able to assist with an entire 6-day lesson series.

Date/Time: All of our lessons are Tuesday-Thursday for two consecutive weeks. (6 days)

Note: Training provided

### **Garden Assistant (Lake Minnetonka/Gale Woods)**

Volunteers: Need help to weed and maintain gardens around Lake Minnetonka Visitor Center and Gale Woods Farm pollinator garden.

Date/Time: Commitment to 4 shifts per month (2 at Lake Minnetonka, 2 at Gale Woods), timing flexible.

### **Park Patrol**

Volunteers: Patrol Carver and Lake Minnetonka. Must be current on Park Patrol training.

## **Cleary Lake Regional Park/Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve**

Contact: Tom Balk - 763-694-7782, thomas.balk@threeriversparks.org

### ***Park Patrol***

Volunteers needed to patrol Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve, Cleary Lake Regional Park and Spring Lake Regional Park. Must be current on Park Patrol training.

## **Community Events**

Community Events is looking for volunteers to assist at Event Booths at a variety of events in June. All of the opportunities are in Sign Up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA9AA29A3F5C16-mayjune>

Contact: CommunityEvents@threeriversparks.org

### ***Minnetonka Farmer's Market - Minnetonka***

Volunteer: Knowledge Booth Assistant

Dates/Time: Tuesday, June 14 from 3-7PM

### ***Golden Valley Water Days - Golden Valley***

Volunteer: Knowledge Booth Assistant

Date/Time: Friday, June 17 from 12:30-2PM

### ***Parktacular - St. Louis Park***

Volunteer: Knowledge Booth Assistant

Date/Time: Saturday, June 18 from 12-5PM

### ***Parade – Rogers Lions Club***

Volunteer: (2 adults). Ride along, walk along parade route

Date/Time: 9:30-11:30AM

### ***ForEverest - Hyland Hills Ski Area***

Volunteer: Knowledge Booth Assistant

Date/Time: Saturday, June 19 & 20, 9:00-5PM

### ***Civic Center Park***

Volunteer: Knowledge Booth Assistant

Date/Time: Saturday, June 25, 4-7PM and 7-10PM

## **Mississippi Gateway**

Contact: Ashley Smith, Interpretive Naturalist, Outdoor Education, ashley.smith@threeriversparks.org

### ***Animal Care***

We are looking for more animal care volunteers! Being an animal care volunteer includes feeding some of our reptile and amphibian animal ambassadors, cleaning their enclosures, and doing some enrichment activities. A commitment of coming weekly, on the same day, for 1-2 hours, while the building is open, is required for this opportunity.

### ***Weekend and Evening Program Support***

Volunteers are needed for a variety of weekend and evening programs.

### ***Park Ambassador***

We would love to have more Park Ambassador volunteers to add to our team! Being a Park Ambassador entails going out into the park and engaging with the public, being available to answer general questions, and being a welcoming presence for our visitors.

## **Richardson Nature Center (Hyland Park Reserve)**

Please sign up by calling 763-694-7676 or emailing RichardsonNC@ThreeRiversParks.org

Currently, all programs will be held outdoors. Volunteers are expected to adhere to current Three Rivers Park District COVID-19 guidelines.

### ***The Big Sit***

Volunteers: We are looking for two volunteers for each two-hour long shift. Help greet and welcome guests (informing them of what is happening and where), help guests successfully use binoculars, assist the naturalist and guests' sight, identify, and count birds.

Date/Time: Saturday, June 11, 8AM–4PM (2-hour shifts)

### ***Family Bird Hike***

Volunteers: Assist naturalist with a bird hike with families. Help participants use binoculars and identify birds seen or heard on the hike.

Date/Time: Saturday, June 11, 9:30–11:45AM (Program time is 10-11:30AM)

### ***Free Family Fun Days***

Volunteers: Assist with greeting visitors or with an outdoor activity.

Date/Time: Sundays, 12:30–3:30PM

Every Sunday, naturalist staff will be outdoors providing visitors with a variety of outdoor activities and experiences. Each weekend will have a different theme.

### ***Summer Camp Volunteer***

Volunteers: We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to assist with our summer camps. Camps are held outside for the entire time, only coming inside for bathroom breaks and inclement weather.

Date/Time: Ages 4–5 years, 9:30AM–12PM

June 14–16, Tuesday–Thursday, COLORS OF NATURE CAMP

July 6–8, Wednesday–Friday, NATURE'S ALPHABET CAMP

July 18–19, Monday–Tuesday, BEETLES, BUTTERFLIES & BACKSWIMMERS CAMP

August 1–2, Monday–Tuesday, MUD PIES & FROG EYES CAMP

August 25–26, Thursday–Friday, NATURE PLAY CAMP

Date/Time: Adult/Child Camps (4–5 years + adult) 9:30AM–12PM

July 21–22, Thursday–Friday, BEETLES, BUTTERFLIES & BACKSWIMMERS CAMP

August 22–23, Monday–Tuesday, NATURE PLAY CAMP

Date/Time: Family Camp, 9AM–3PM

June 24, Friday, OUTDOOR ADVENTURES CAMP

July 25, Monday, ANIMAL ADVENTURES CAMP

August 12, Friday, PLANT ADVENTURES CAMP

Date/Time: Ages 6–8 years, 9AM–3PM

June 21–22, Tuesday–Wednesday, CURIOUS NATURE COLLECTORS

July 11–14, Monday–Thursday, NATURE PLAY CAMP

July 26–28, Tuesday–Thursday, ENCHANTED FOREST CAMP

August 4–5, Thursday–Friday, MUD PIES & FROG EYES CAMP

August 9–11, Tuesday–Thursday, DRAGONFLY BY POND & SKY

August 18–19, Thursday–Friday, RAPTORS: BIRDS OF PREY CAMP

Date/Time: Ages 8–12 years, 9AM–3PM

June 27 & 28, Monday–Tuesday, FORTS & FIRES CAMP

June 30 & JULY 1, Thursday–Friday, FORTS & FIRES CAMP

July 11–14, Monday–Thursday, NATURE PLAY CAMP

August 15 & 16, Monday–Tuesday, RAPTORS: HUNTERS OF THE SKY

### ***Monarch Tagging Programs***

Volunteers: Assist with searching for monarch butterflies and other insects in the prairie. Work with participants on how to catch and tag monarch butterflies preparing for their 2,000-mile journey to Mexico

Date/Time: Saturdays, August 20 and 27, 1:30–4PM, (Program time is 2–3:30PM)

### **Silverwood Park (St. Anthony)**

Contact: Seth Eberle, Silverwood Educator, Outdoor Education (seth.eberle@threeriversparks.org )

### ***Volunteer Docents***

Volunteers: Docents invite park guests to talk about and engage with the art in the gallery, relating it to the outdoors and environmental themes. Then, docents work independently, signing up for shifts in small groups or on their own.

Dates/Times: Primarily Saturdays and Sundays from 1-3PM

Note: A docent requires group training with Silverwood staff

### ***Puppet Adventures and Let's Get StARTed***

Volunteers: Art Assistants (2-4 volunteers). Assist families and children with making art and learning about nature after a puppet show. This program will take place primarily outdoors as the weather permits and is best for folks who enjoy enthusiastically explaining instructions and are comfortable standing for most of the program

Dates/Times: Sundays, June 12, July 10, August 14 from 12:30-3PM

Note: Program runs from 1PM-3PM with a puppet show promptly at 1PM

### ***Teen Adventures: Canoe and Natural Dye***

Volunteers: Get out on the water with a group of teens and Silverwood staff to ensure that everyone stays safe while paddling. Best for those who are comfortable paddling and are comfortable with teenagers.

Date/Time: Saturday, June 11 from 1-4PM

Note: Volunteers must be 21+ since this program serves teens.

### ***Canoe Assistant***

Volunteers: (1-2 Volunteers). Get out on the water with a group of teens and Silverwood staff to ensure that everyone stays safe while paddling. Best for those who are comfortable paddling and are comfortable with teenagers.

Note: Volunteers must be 21+ since this program serves teens.

### ***Make and Mingle***

Volunteer: Event Assistants (5-6 Volunteers). Assist with artmaking, a photo booth, and a hike during our seasonal Make and Mingle Event. Best for those who enjoy working with adults and a laid-back atmosphere.

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 21 from 6-9PM

Note: Must be 21+

### ***Pop Up Kite Making Event***

Volunteers: Event Assistants (2-3 Volunteers). Pop up before the summer concert to help park goers create artistic kites, blow bubbles, and enjoy themselves before the summer concert that evening

Date/Time: Wednesday, July 6 from 5PM-6:30PM

### ***Float in Movie***

Volunteers: Traffic Controllers (2-3 Volunteers). Direct those who are attending the Float in Movie about where things are in the park, where to go for the film, and how to get back to the parking lot after the film.

Date/Time: Friday, July 16 from 8-10PM

Note: Best for those who are friendly and helpful with large crowds

### ***E-cology***

Volunteers: Event Assistants (5-7 Volunteers). Assist in creating an evening where Silverwood Park turns into a giant board game.

Date/Time: Saturday, July 23 from 6:30-8PM

Note: Must be 21+. Best for those who are flexible, enjoy playing games and are nerds themselves.

### ***Pop Up Art Bike Parade***

Volunteers: Decorator Assistants and Bike Parade Safety (2-3 Volunteers). Help participants use art materials supplied to decorate their bikes. Then join the parade around the Great Lawn just before a summer concert.

Date/Time: Wednesday, August 3 from 4-6PM

Note: Best for those who enjoy working with kids and are comfortable riding a bike.

### ***Community Science Projects***

In addition to Silverwood's events, we are continuing to expand our monitoring, community science, and data collection opportunities. All of these opportunities require access to a smart device or a computer in order to enter data.

### ***Bee Monitoring***

Volunteers: (1-2 Volunteers). Spend time around Silverwood's flowers taking video or photographing bees to help us get a sense of which kinds of bees are in the park.

Note: Best for those who can commit to monitoring weekly and are patient.

### ***Project NestWatch***

Volunteers: (3-5 Volunteers). Using the project NestWatch protocol, find and observe nests at Silverwood Park, making observations about brood success, while keeping animals safe and minimizing interference with nests.

Note: Best for those who are comfortable being adventurous off trail, respectful of animals, and can consistently follow protocol for nest observations.

### ***Water Quality***

Volunteers: (2-3 Volunteers). Use a secchi disc and other water quality tools to put data in the Lake Observer App every other week.

Note: Best for those who can commit to observations consistently every other week and are comfortable getting wet.

### ***Garden Volunteers***

Volunteers: (1 Volunteer). Water and weed our garden beds, being sure not to overwater.

Note: Best for those who are comfortable working independently and like to get dirty.

### ***Summer Camp Assistants***

Help our campers have the best experience they can have! Summer Camp Assistants are great for teen volunteers or adults who are interested in helping young children have a fun and joyful art making and outdoor education experience. Note: This role is best for those who enjoy being around children, getting messy with art supplies, and being outdoors running around in the mud and dirt. It is excellent for those who are patient and helpful with re-explaining instructions. Each camp can have 1-2 volunteers. If you can only assist on certain days, it may still be possible to volunteer. Contact Seth Eberle at [seth.eberle@threeriversparks.org](mailto:seth.eberle@threeriversparks.org).

### ***Digging in Clay: Wheel Throwing***

Dates/Time: June 13-16 from 9AM-12PM

### ***It's Time to Tinker***

Dates/Time: June 27-30 from 9AM-12PM

### ***Digging in Clay: What in the World?***

Dates/Time: June 27-30 from 1-4PM

### ***Camp Doodlebugs: Fantasy Creatures***

Dates/Time: July 11-14 from 1-3PM

### ***Digging in Clay: Wheel Throwing***

Dates/time: July 11-14 from 1-4PM

### ***Snapshot Scientific***

Dates/Time: July 25-28 from 9AM-12PM

### ***Nature's Protectors***

Dates/Time: July 25-28 from 1-4PM

Thank you,

### **Volunteer Resources Office**

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