



Volunteer Opportunities at
Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation
February 2009 Going Forward!!

For information on volunteering for any of these programs

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PLEASE NOTE: Volunteers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an Adult that is at least 21 years old. Volunteers working with the Therapeutic Recreation (TR) Division must be at Least 18 years old

SPRING PROJECTS:

We have some AWESOME events coming up this Spring. There are a limited number of volunteer slots on some of these events so sign up as soon as possible.

Come Out and Join the FUN!!

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR YOUR COMMUNITY!!

1. Invasives Removal along the Little Sugar Creek Greenway, LSCG across from Freedom Park, Tuesday, March 24, 2009. 9-2. Brief Description of Program: Trial program removing invasive plants along the Little Sugar Creek Greenway at Freedom Park Brief Description of Volunteer Job (include work schedule if appropriate): Removing invasive plants thru use of pruners, loppers, hand saws and the like.
2. Rodney's Great Kids Triathlon, Sat 4/18, 7am - 1 pm... Aquatic Center on MLK Blvd. Volunteers will help monitor the course, pass out water and cheer on participants. TEENS WELCOME
3. Bark in the Park, Saturday 4/26 at the Metrolina Fair Grounds. Two shifts are available: 6am - 1 pm and noon until 5:30 pm. This is a FUN FILLED FESTIVAL dogs and their two legged friends. . Volunteers will help with set up and take down, help run the contests and help to keep the water bowls full.

4. Be -A-Champion Track and Field: Tuesdays May 5, 12, 19, 26... 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm, JCSU, ages 16 and up needed.

Brief Description of Program: The "Be -A- Champion program" is a youth track and field league. The Participants practice at various MCPRD, Recreation Centers for the month of April. The recreation centers will then compete in several track and field events at JCSU Irwin Belk Complex every Tuesday in May from 6:00pm until 8:00pm, having a total of 4 meets.

Brief Description of Volunteer Job: Field event Long Jump, volunteers will help with raking sand pits, measuring jumps, recording marks and marshal participants to awards.

Field Event Turbo Javelin, Measuring throws, record marks, and marshal participants to awards.

Running events, Judges lane and running zones.

Competitor's Check-In, heats setters of participants for the next race to take place on the track and hand out competitor's hip numbers for lane assignment.

Awards, hand out ribbons after each event.

5. Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday 4/11, 11 am - 1 pm

Albemarle Rd Recreation Center (Idlewild Rd).

Brief Description of Volunteer Job: Willingness to hide eggs and assist little children as needed with hunt, tattoos, and ring toss

9:30am-10:30am - Hide Eggs and set up tables

11am-1pm- Egg Hunt and Festivities

TEENS WELCOME

6. Spring Carnival, Tuckaseegee recreation Center, Saturday 4/18, 1 pm - 6 pm.

Brief Description of Program: The Tuckaseegee Spring Carnival will feature a talent show and demonstrations and activities from community groups and building users. Carnival games and other booths of fun will be set-up for children. Volunteers will help set-up various stations of the carnival, monitor assigned area during event (examples: ring toss station or face painting), and help break down after event.

7. Senior Games: LIMITED VOLUNTEER SPACES PER EVENT

Saturday 4/18 Ray's Splash Planet, 8:30 am - 1pm

Saturday 4/25 Myers Park HS, 8 am - 1 pm

Tuesday 4/28 Lowes Motor Speedway, 4:30 pm - 9 pm

Saturday May 2, Nevins Community Park, 8 am - 11: am and 10am - 3 pm

TEENS WELCOME

8. Keeping Kids, Freedom Park & Little Sugar Creek Greenway, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 8 am to 12

Brief Description of Program: Kids will participate in a variety of physical activities such as interactive trail walks and fitness games. Using pedometers, participants will track their steps and set personal activity goals. Participants will learn new ways to become healthier and more active. Volunteers will help manage the activities. TEENS WELCOME

9. Triathlon at Jetton Park, May 9, 7am - 12 pm. Volunteers will help with registration, information, the events and pick up after the event. TEENS WELCOME

10. Asian Festival Ramsey Creek Park, Saturday May 16th 7am - 4 pm (2 shifts available)
Brief Description of Program: The Asian festival celebrates Asian Culture, food, and crafts. Dragon Boat Races will be run throughout the day. Volunteers will help with passing out information, trash pick up, event set up (moving tables and chairs) and take down.

11. Events on the Green, Sat 5/16, 6 pm - 10 pm, Albemarle Rd Recreation Center (Idlewild Rd).
Brief Description of Program: Special event "Charlotte East ON THE GREEN" will include Live WWX Wrestling match and Motorcycle show with food vendors, movie, music and kids activities
Volunteers will assist with areas - music, movie, motorcycles, children's area, concessions, wrestling etc. Ages 16 and up needed.

12. National Trails Day, Saturday 6/6, McDowell Nature Preserve, 9am - 2 pm
Volunteers will help clean the Nature Preserve's trails. This is a nation wide event. ALL AGES WELCOME

13. Indoor FUN Soccer League
Arbor Glen Outreach Center
1520 Clanton Rd
Late March through the end of June
Coaches Needed

14. Park Ambassadors
Location: All Parks and Greenways
Dates: On Going
Hours: You Decide
Description: On foot or bike, monitor and report on the parks, trails, and greenways. Greet patrons as a representative of the department, must commit to at least 6 months as an ambassador.

15. Track and Field Coach
Location: Thomasboro Recreation Center
538 Bradford Dr 28208
Hours: 6 pm - 7 PM
Description: Volunteers will have the opportunity to conduct practices from 6pm-7pm during the week as many times as their schedule will allow. The meets will be held at 5pm every Tuesday in the month of May.

16. NEEDED: Sewing or Quilting Instructor
Location: Tuckaseegee recreation Center
4820 Tuckaseegee Rd 28208
Dates; Preferably Monday Evenings
Description: The volunteer will lead a class in basic sewing and quilting for ladies in the neighborhood.

17. YOUTH IMPACT!!

Location: Albemarle Rd Recreation Center

5027 Idlewild Rd 28227

Dates: Ongoing through June

Hours: Tuesdays 3:30pm-5:30pm

Thursdays 3:30pm-5:30pm

Description: Kidz Club! is a FREE program for neighborhood children ages 5-14 to enjoy group gaming time (Video & board games), movies and simple fun games within the Game room of the center.

Volunteers will help run the activities.

VOLUNTEERS IN PARKS (VIP)

Monthly Group Projects are available in Parks, on our Greenways and at our Nature Preserves.

You choose the Date and Time; we set you up with a Turn Key project in one of our parks. The

volunteers would be assisting with picking up litter, limbs and other debris; mulching, pruning, and

planting. Number of Volunteers: 5-10 Preferred Age Group: 16 and up

CALL 704-336-5478 to set up your project NOW...

REOCCURRING MONTHLY PROJECTS

*Ribbon Walk

Location: RibbonWalk Nature Preserve (4601 Nevin Rd)

Dates: Second Saturday of every month

Times: 10 am - 12 noon

Description: Volunteers help us remove invasive plants (pulling weeds and using loppers and saws on shrubs and vines), keep trails clear from debris, install erosion control brakes (shoveling), lay down woodchips, raking, clean up creeks, streams & ponds, etc. All projects are done outside, will require physical exertion and are cancelled when raining or in high winds.

Number of volunteers: Flexible but must know ahead of time

To sign up just call or email to let me know you are coming!!



OPPORTUNITES FOR BUSINESSES

These are turn key projects, just show up dressed appropriately and raring to go!!

We can even arrange for a shelter to be made available for a picnic lunch.

1. Adoptions: The adoption program is a great one for businesses that encourage staff to do a certain amount of volunteering each month. You'll have a set date/time and place so you can just post the info and folks can plan ahead. You have to commit to a group of at least 10 showing up each month for at least 4 hours (sometime less depending on what the project is).

We'll have signs put up stating that you have adopted the park/greenway/rec center.

2. Periodic projects: These would be on a regular basis but not necessarily as often as once a month.

We'd lay out the dates a year in advance (for example: the second Friday of the month). The locations would be decided upon at least a month in advance.

3. Special Events: These are great fun and are very popular amongst the corporate world. Some take place on weekends; some during the work week, they are a great way to bond and build teams!!



Therapeutic Recreation Division Must Be 18 Years Old to Volunteer

SEALS: An after school program for elementary aged children with visual impaired or who are blind.

Location: Marion Diehl Center

Dates: Tuesday and Thursday following the CMS calendar

Hours: 2 pm - 6 pm

Description: Volunteers are needed as reading buddies for children in the after school program. Volunteers are needed for approximately 1 hour each week, and will be paired with a student to read with 1:1.

World of Wonders Summer Day Camp

Location: Marion Diehl Center

Dates: June 22 through August 14 (Monday through Friday)

Hours: 9 am - 4 pm-

Description: This is an 8-week summer day camp designed for children ages 6-12 with disabilities. Each week we will learn about a different part of the Animal Kingdom, including: Pets and Pals, Creepy Crawlies, Three-Ring Circus, Animals in Your Backyard, Jungle Animals, Feathered Friends and others. Traditional summertime activities will include music therapy, swimming, outdoor play, crafts and more

Goal Ball Clinic

Location: Naomi Drenan Rec Center, 750 Beal Street

Date: Saturday April 4

Times: 11 am - 12 pm, 12 pm - 2 pm, 3 pm - 5pm and 5 pm - 6 pm

Description: Goalball is a sport for individuals who are blind or have a visual impairment. This clinic will teach youth and adult participants the basic rules and strategies of the game

Duties: m: Set up of court and equipment; 12pm-2pm: assistance with youth Goalball clinic instruction; 3pm-5pm: assistance with teen & adult Goalball clinic instruction; 5pm-6pm: break down of court and clean up of program equipment

Natural Resources Division

Locations: Latta Plantation Nature Center, McDowell Nature Center, Reedy Creek Nature Center

Dates: On Going Times: Vary

Animal Care: Assist with routine maintenance and feeding of Nature Center Animals

Native Plant Gardening: Assist with the wildlife habitat gardens.

*Programming: Present programs on local biodiversity and natural heritage.

*Traveling Exhibits: Assist us in presenting at local festivals and off-site programs.

*Administration: Assist with routine operations including gift shop sales,

*Answering phones and Greeting visitors.

*Litter Prevention: Assist us in keeping our grounds clean and pollution free.

**Because of the time investment in training, volunteers are asked to be able to commit at Least 6 months of service.

**Volunteers under sixteen years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian