

Volunteer Service Descriptions

Program Assistant: Volunteers assist naturalist staff with prepping and cleaning program supplies, assisting park visitors with crafts, games, hikes, storytime, and other tasks as assigned.

Program Leader: Volunteers lead school or scout programs after training with naturalist staff. Program leaders must express an interest in working with children and are preferred to have a background in education. Volunteers are responsible for program preparation and clean-up the day of the program.

Facility Gardening: Volunteers assist with flower garden upkeep, raking, and pulling weeds at Oenslager Nature Center or Susan Hambley Nature Center.

Trail Monitor: Volunteers hike park trails and greet park visitors. They pick up trash, remove small branches or obstacles, and alert park staff to maintenance concerns.

Citizen Science: Volunteers serve on teams to monitor bluebird boxes, survey butterflies, or participate in Project Feederwatch. Volunteers are required to submit accurate biological data to park staff, as instructed during training, to ensure proper habitat management.

Special Events: Volunteers assist staff at events including but not limited to: Earth Day, Medina County Fair, parades, etc. Volunteers may sell refreshments, help with crafts, games, answer questions, or other tasks as assigned.

Office Assistant: Volunteers greet visitors and answer questions at Oenslager Nature Center. In addition, volunteers can expect to answer phones, make copies, or perform other duties as needed.

Animal Care: Volunteers are responsible for the care of display reptiles, amphibians, and fish. Care includes: feeding, cleaning, and enrichment for captive animals.

Carpentry/Construction Projects: Volunteers assist staff in the design or construction of exhibits, displays, or permanent park fixtures.

Invasive Species Control: Volunteers assist park staff with the removal of invasive plant species at various parks throughout the district.