



Volunteering

Genesee County Parks, Recreation & Forestry

Volunteers Make a Difference!

From planting trees to leading hikes, volunteers are essential to our parks! Genesee County Parks, in partnership with the non-profit Association for the Conservation of Recreational and Natural Spaces (ACORNS), invites you to join us as a volunteer. The help of volunteers makes it possible for Genesee County Parks to provide excellent recreational and educational activities for citizens of Genesee County and beyond.

Volunteer Descriptions

**Volunteer hours are served on a sign-up basis according to your availability.
Training is provided for all volunteers.**

Interpretive Nature Center Greeters:

4 hours/month

Greet visitors, answer questions, provide information, sales, program sign-in, program prep assistance, custodial work.

Interpretive Educators:

4 to 30 hours/month

Lead and assist environmental education programs in a variety of outdoor and indoor settings. Programs are held Tuesday—Saturday.

Outreach Specialists:

4 hours/month

Share information and promote the parks at community events and special events.

Special Events Assistants:

4 to 8 hours/month

Assist with planning, preparation and marketing of special park events.

- **Run for the ACORNS 5k/10k Trail Walk/Run:**
5 to 20 hours
Assist with race planning, donations, sponsorships, registration, packet assembly, setup and cleanup. *Run for the ACORNS* takes place in the fall.
- **Earth Day Celebration:**
5 to 20 hours
Assist with the planning of Earth Day event activities and park cleanup in April.

Marketing Assistants:

8 hours/week

Assist in creating promotional material, visual displays, web postings and the “Seedlings” newsletter.



Center Greeters assist all of the visitors to the Genesee County Park.



Volunteers set up and coordinate the Run for the ACORNS 5k/10k Trail run and walk.

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Wildlife Monitoring Stewards:

2 to 6 hours/month

Gather and record wildlife data and observations, submit seasonal reports to citizen science groups. Current projects include *FeederWatch*, *Monarch Watch*, and Eastern Bluebird nest box monitoring for *NestWatch*.

Photographers:

4 to 8 hours/month

Provide quality photos of events and programs at the parks.

Must sign a copyright release.

Turtle Care Specialists:

3 to 5 hours/week

Provide a balanced diet, exercise, and a well-maintained tank for our Red-eared Slider!

Environmental Stewards:

• Trail Rangers:

2 hours/week

Walk the trails once a week. Take notes on trail conditions, report any hazards or maintenance needs.

• Habitat Stewards:

8 hours/week (seasonal)

Assist with management and monitoring of invasive species in the park.

• Gardeners:

2 to 8 hours/month (seasonal)

Maintain, improve and care for gardens located near park entrances, at the Interpretive Nature Center, and in the ACORNS Outdoor Learning Center. Gardens include habitat for bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

• ACORNS Outdoor Learning Center Stewards:

6 hours/week (seasonal)

Assist the maintenance of walkways, gardens, signs, projects and educational features of the ACORNS Outdoor Learning Center.

Interpretive Nature Center Stewards:

8 hours/week

Assist in the maintenance and cleanliness of the Interpretive Nature Center facilities and exhibits.

Funding Specialists:

4 hours/week

Help ACORNS earn funding through recycling programs, sponsorships and grant opportunities.



Charlie and Jerome help scouts install bluebird nest boxes.



Jim and George installing a birdfeeding station in the Outdoor Learning Center.

To sign on as a volunteer, please complete the Volunteer Application Form to let us know about your volunteer interests. Please return the form to the Volunteer Coordinator at ParkAmeriCorps@co.genesee.ny.us or call 585-344-1122 for more information!