

Sugar Grove Nature Center Volunteer Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birth Date: ____/____ Valid IL Driver's License #: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Educational Experience: High School/GED _____ Some College _____ College _____

I enjoy working with: Adults _____ Young Adults _____ Older Children _____ Young Children _____

When are you available to volunteer? (season, days of the week, morning or afternoon, etc)?

What do you hope to gain from being a Nature Center volunteer? What interests you about volunteering here?

Please list any current/past volunteer experiences:

Special interest, abilities or talents:

Special training (i.e., Master Naturalist, Master Gardener, Certified Interpretive Guide, Riverwatch):

Please describe any medical conditions/allergies that we need to be aware:

How did you learn about our volunteer opportunities?

_____ On a Website (specify which website) _____
_____ Visiting the Nature Center _____ Friend or Family Member _____ Volunteer
_____ Other (please explain) _____

Please indicate those areas you are most interested in volunteering.

- Nature Center Host:** Open/Close building, welcome visitors, answer questions.
- Exhibit Staff:** Represent SGNC at off-site venues to promote visitation, volunteering, etc.
- Assistant Naturalist:** Provide guided hikes for various groups, help with education programs.
- Children's Program Volunteer:** Assist with children's programming.
- Birthday Party Assistant/Leader:** Assist/lead nature birthday party programs.
- Animal Care:** Assist with feeding of education animals and cleaning of aquariums.
- Office Assistant:** Help prepare mailings, fold brochures, etc.
- Wood Projects:** Construct items such as benches, birdhouses, and trail signs.
- Bee Keeper:** Assist with the care and maintenance of our hives.
- Special Events:** Assists with events such as Maple Sirup Experience, Native Plant Sale, Hummingbird Festival and Autumn Celebration. Could involve set-up, clean-up, assistance with parking, leading hikes/programs/activities.
- Garden Projects:** Help with the maintenance of one or more gardens. Includes planting, watering, weeding and pruning.
- Grounds Maintenance:** Perform various tasks to maintain grounds such as mowing, wood chipping trails, trimming bushes, etc.
- Building Maintenance and Repair:** Perform various tasks to maintain buildings such as painting, electrical, plumbing, etc.
- Exotic Species Eradicator:** Assist staff with controlling invasive non-native plants year round.
- Fundraising:** Spearhead or assist with promotions/events that help raise funds for the Nature Center.
- Trail Ambassador:** Hikes trails on a periodic basis to pick-up trash and update staff regarding trail conditions, downed trees, damage, etc.
- Citizen Scientist:** Data collection and monitoring of rivers, amphibians, birds, etc.
- Photographer:** Takes pictures of various Nature Center events and programs.
- Archive and Scrapbook:** Organize historic Nature Center photographs and documents; create and maintain database of local plants and animals.
- Other:** _____

Does your employer offer a time-off program for volunteers? Yes _____ No _____

Does your employer offer a donation match program? Yes _____ No _____

Sugar Grove Nature Center will hold all information provided in this application in strict confidence.

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____

If the applicant is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign below.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Please complete this form and return to:
Sugar Grove Nature Center
4532 N. 725 East Road
McLean, IL 61754.

Call 309.874.2174 with questions.