



## *This is your invitation to VOLUNTEER at Wargo Nature Center!*

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Wargo Nature Center. Below are some of the areas in which we use volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering in a specific area not listed please give me a call at (651) 429-8007. We are certainly willing to work with you in utilizing your talents and desires.

### **Displays**

Assist in the development of and construction of interpretive displays. Assist in the artistic development of interpretive educational tools (posters, handouts, costumes, etc.)

### **Trail Guide**

To serve as a resource for nature center visitors and to lead or help with scheduled trail hikes and help with the self-guided interpretive trail seasonal change and information.

### **Program Assistant**

Assist naturalist in preparing for and delivering of public, school, pre-school, full moon walks, etc. programs, including set-up, registrations, delivery of program, clean-up, etc.

### **Office Assistant**

To assist in the completion of light office work such as typing, data entry, mailings, filing, photo copying, answering phones, greeting visitors and being a positive public relations representative.

### **Wargo Warbler Newsletter**

Help write articles and help with desktop publishing, editing and mailings.

### **Special Projects**

For volunteers who prefer to work on projects as needed. (Projects such as: shellacking snowshoes, birdhouse maintenance, specific trail projects, etc.)

### **Special Events**

Large community events such as Carp Fest, Earth Day, Kids Fishing Clinic, Snow Day, Maple Syrup Madness and Apple Cidering. (Many of these events have over 1,000 participants) at a variety of Anoka County Parks. Volunteers are needed to greet visitors, give directions, help serve food, help at particular stations, help with registration, etc.

### **Gardens**

If you have a desire to learn more about Minnesota's plants, we welcome you. We will go on field trips, learn to identify plants, and put together displays. Come and help maintain the Butterfly, Prairie, Woodland, Landscaping for Wildlife and Rain Gardens at Wargo. We'll catalog and develop a database for each site, collect seed, help with planting and weed control and create a herbarium collection of pressed plants.

### **Special Programs**

Our Home School and Nymphs and Nuthatches pre-school programs are in need of a special volunteer who would be willing to help the naturalist at these monthly programs. All training will be supplied. If you like working with children and have a desire to learn more yourself- this is a great opportunity.

### ***Why should you volunteer?***

- ❖ Regular volunteer newsletter
- ❖ Nature center T-shirt (after 20 hours of service)
- ❖ Free attendance at nature center programs
- ❖ Regular gatherings/trips/programs just for nature center volunteers
- ❖ Special recognitions
- ❖ Training and support
- ❖ Opportunity to meet others interested in the environment and in nature
- ❖ FUN!
- ❖ Metro Volunteer Training workshops 3 times a year
- ❖ Yearly volunteer recognition dinner

The building is open: Tuesday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. April through October  
Sunday Noon to 5:00 p.m. April through October  
Closed on Mondays year around and closed on weekends the months of November through March except for programs.



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