



## FIELD TRIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Do you enjoy teaching and working with children, or know someone who does? We are actively looking for field trip volunteers. Our field trip volunteers lead field trips through the gardens and trails of Lake Katherine and guide students through activities inside the Nature Center.

Potential volunteers should have experience with children in an educational setting and be confident leading children through activities, games and on nature walks. Our field trips take place on

weekdays, usually between 9am and 2pm. They are generally booked from March through November, with May and October being our busiest months.

If you're interested in volunteering in this area, please contact Shamim. If you know someone who is not yet a Lake Katherine volunteer but would be interested in becoming one, encourage them to pick up an application form in the Nature Center or download it from our website at <http://lakekatherine.org/volunteer-opportunities.cfm>.

## RESTORATION WORK GROUPS

### Bringing Back Wednesdays

As we get into spring, we would like to bring back our Wednesday morning restoration work group. If you're a restoration volunteer (or would like to be), and aren't already part of our Monday morning work group, please let Gareth or Shamim know if you would like to be part of our new group. And if there's another day of the week that would be better, maybe we can get a group started for that day too.



## SPRING GARDENING

### Planning for the Season

As we get back into the gardens this spring, please set up a time to meet with Gareth to review any needs you have for your garden this year, whether it be supplies, plants or extra help. If you're not sure what garden you are assigned to, or haven't been assigned to one yet, please contact Gareth or Shamim so we can get you started.

If you are already volunteering in another area, but would also like to help out in our gardens, please let Shamim know. We can always use an extra hand, especially with weeding.

## VOLUNTEER RESOURCES

**The Hive:** Your place in the Nature Center to record your hours, sign-up for shifts and get volunteer news and updates. We are looking towards mid-May to roll out our scheduling system, so keep your eyes open for more information.

**Volunteer Resource Library:** As you're out in the gardens or out on the grounds this spring, don't forget we have field guides, garden references and much more for you to check out from our library.

## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS

### Spring Fishing

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> | 7:00am – 12:00pm

Fish the entire shore for muskie, catfish, walleye and bass during our catch and release fundraiser. Tickets are \$100 per person and include lunch.

### Nature & Literature Festival

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> | 10:00am – 3:00pm

Join us for our free Nature & Literature Festival, held in partnership with the Palos Heights Public Library. Author Dennis Downes will be speaking about his book *Native American Trail Marker Trees: Marking Paths Through the Wilderness*. We will have a variety of interactive activities and exhibitors that will give you a chance to explore where nature and literature intersect.

### River Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> | 9am – 1:30pm

We are looking for restoration volunteers who can help lead groups for our big clean-up day. If you are interested, please contact Shamim or Gareth.

### Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> | 10am – 2pm

We'll have a variety of native flowering plants for purchase. Watch for a complete list in our May newsletter.

## UPCOMING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Details for each class can be found at <http://lakekatherine.org/learn-adult.cfm>. And don't forget – classes are free for active volunteers with twenty or more service hours in the past year.

### Natural Navigation (Program #577)

Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> | 6:30pm – 7:30pm

### Beginning Birding (Program #578)

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> | 8am – 10am

### Camping Made Easy (Program #579)

Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> | 6pm – 8pm

### Canoe/Kayak Tour (Program #580)

Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> | 7pm - 8:15pm

You are receiving this newsletter as a Lake Katherine volunteer.  
If you are no longer interested in volunteering or would prefer to receive the newsletter via email, please notify Shamim at the contact information above.

Past issues can be found in the Nature Center or online at <http://lakekatherine.org/volunteer-portal.cfm>.



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