



Shelby Bottoms Nature Center

Volunteer Application

NAME _____ DATE _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
 HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____
 CELL PHONE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
 EMAIL: _____

AVAILABILITY

MON (am) ____ (pm) ____ **TUES** (am) ____ (pm) ____ **WED** (am) ____ (pm) ____
THUR (am) ____ (pm) ____ **FRI** (am) ____ (pm) ____ **SAT** (am) ____ (pm) ____

Please check the project categories in which you are interested: (See category descriptions on the back)

Shelby Bottoms Nature Center/Greenway

- Nature Center office work
- Exotic plant removal/ restoration
- Gardening, grounds, and landscaping
- Environmental education/field trip leader
- Special Events
- Trail Work/ Clean Ups
- Special interest or expertise _____
- Other _____

Greenways for Nashville (any or all greenways)

- Greenways office work
- Trailwatch
- Greenways Promotional Booth

Please list any physical conditions (allergies, reactions to bee stings, etc), medications you are using, or any other information that might be helpful in case of an emergency or that may affect the types of project you may undertake.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT: (List 2 People)

NAME _____ PHONE _____

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AS A VOLUNTEER WITH METRO PARKS, I AGREE TO ACT IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER AND EXHIBIT A POSITIVE AND PLEASANT ATTITUDE WHEN DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC, OTHER VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF. I FURTHER AGREE TO SAVE AND HOLD THE METRO BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION, THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT AND GREENWAYS FOR NASHVILLE FOR ANY AND ALL LEGAL CLAIMS, DAMAGES, AND JUDGMENTS ARISING OUT OF MY ACTIONS OR OCCUPATION AS A VOLUNTEER, AND I AGREE THAT IN THE EVENT THAT THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT BE NAMED A DEFENDANT IN A LEGAL ACTION BECAUSE OF MY ACTIONS OR CONDUCT, I WILL FURNISH LEGAL COUNSEL AND INDEMNIFY PARKS OR METRO GOVERNMENT OR GREENWAYS FOR NASHVILLE FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OF JUDGMENTS.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE IF VOLUNTEER IS UNDER 18 _____ DATE _____

PLEASE RETURN TO: SHELBY BOTTOMS NATURE CENTER
 1900 DAVIDSON ST NASHVILLE, TN 37206
 (615) 862-8539 or fax (615) 262-0245
 Shelbybottomsnature@nashville.gov



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are a tremendous variety of volunteer projects in Metro Parks. Volunteer at Shelby Bottoms Greenway and Nature Center, or volunteer in one or many of the other greenways! No experience or specific expertise is required, just an interest and willingness to help! Below is a list of volunteer project categories, with a corresponding list on the application form. Please review these broad descriptions and then check those of interest to you on the application.

Shelby Bottoms Nature Center volunteer opportunities

1. **NATURE CENTER OFFICE WORK:** Helping around the office is a great way to learn about all the happenings first hand. We often have projects in the museum, the library, on the computers, doing historical research, or organizing photo albums, and help with answering phones and filing is always appreciated. Projects are typically ongoing.
2. **GARDENING, GROUNDS, & LANDSCAPING:** Help maintain the nature center garden and surrounding landscaping which will tailor each volunteer experience around your particular expertise, interest, and level of commitment.
3. **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMING:** Help the staff naturalists provide quality programming for the public. Come share your special talents and perhaps increase your own knowledge of the outdoors. Assisting with children's and adult programs, staffing the Nature Center, and special programs are a few ways you can help.
4. **EXOTIC PLANT REMOVAL:** Join the staff in exotic plant removals. Come and learn about exotic plants and their effect on native plants in our park. Spend some time enjoying the Park while helping restore the natural beauty by removing invasive plants. Get a great workout while doing something helpful for the environment.
5. **TRAILWORK/ CLEAN UPS:** With 5 miles of hiking trails and 5 miles of greenway, there are many ways volunteers can help keep the paths clear and safe. Your involvement could be as light as regular removal of fallen tree branches, litter and neglected dog waste bags, or regular clearing of the bridges. With some training and volunteer coordinator's instructions, trail corridors could be trimmed seasonally, and for those with a more serious interest, the coordinator may solicit your help for more involved trail projects.
6. **SPECIAL EVENTS:** There are several special events that educate people about nature, Nature Centers, Metro Parks and Greenways and/or benefits the Parks financially. Volunteers help with many aspect of these events.

Other Greenways for Nashville volunteer opportunities in Shelby Bottoms and other greenways

1. **TRAILWATCH:** Help to keep the Parks secure and in tiptop shape. This is a non-confrontational program in which you spend time in the Parks and report what you witness while you are there.
2. **GREENWAYS PROMOTIONAL BOOTH:** There are several special events that educate people about the Greenways and Parks and/or benefit the Parks financially. Volunteers help with every aspect of these events.
3. **GREENWAYS OFFICE WORK:** Helping around the office is really a great way to learn about the Nashville Greenways.