

## **Brevard County Government Volunteer Position Description**

### **Parks & Recreation Department/Riverwalk: A Family Park**

#### **Oyster Mat Making Workshops**

Oyster Mat Making workshops are held at Riverwalk: A Family Park, 5355 US Hwy 1, in Rockledge from 10:00 am-12:00 pm the third Wednesday of every month.

Volunteers are needed to help restore dead oyster reefs for the Brevard Zoo's Oyster Reef Restoration Project in the Indian River Lagoon. To help restore oyster reefs in Mosquito Lagoon, volunteers make oyster shell mats. Each mat is made up of 36 oyster shells attached vertically with zip ties. The mats are later transported to the Mosquito Lagoon. They are then attached to each other, forming a large quilt-like structure where new oysters can settle and grow. Efforts will aid the growth of oysters in our estuary and contribute to overall water quality in the Indian River Lagoon.

The event is free and open to anyone 12 years of age or older. Volunteers under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult. All volunteers must be able to follow instructions and work with their hands.

For more information on this and other oyster mat events or to RSVP for mat-making events e-mail Jody Palmer at [jpalmber@brevardzoo.org](mailto:jpalmber@brevardzoo.org) or call (321) 254-9453.