



# Fox Force

## Volunteer Program

### Ways to Volunteer

#### Special Events

The park district has dozens of special events needing volunteers throughout the year:

- Mom & Son Night in the Outback
- Halloween Family Night
- Fun-2-Tri Indoor Triathlon
- Glow Ball Golf Event
- Valentine Dinner Dance

#### Parks & Trails

**Field crews:** Assist staff in preparing fields for sports activities.

**Shoreline Clean-up:** Remove debris along the Fox River and other shorelines.

**Trail Clean-up:** Remove litter from the mowed areas along the trails and the natural areas.

**Neighborhood Park Beautification:** Help with planting projects and litter removal from neighborhood parks.

#### Community Centers

**Greeter:** Ensure that people entering the center are greeted and that visitors are offered assistance.

**Clerical Help:** Help with a wide range of clerical work which includes filing, returning phone calls and stuffing envelopes.

**Birthday Party Helper:** Help with children's birthday party activities.

**Classroom Aides:** Assist teachers in the classroom, help prepare craft projects, clean up after projects and help children with various needs.

**Child Care Aide:** Responsible for attending to the children (playing, reading, giving bottles), cleaning toys and assisting with the overall cleanliness and maintenance of the child care room.

**Light-Duty Custodian:** Perform light-duty cleaning, including window washing, cleaning walls and garbage removal.

#### With Active Adults

**Friendly Center Club:** Assist the club leader in setting up and decorating for meetings and parties as well as clean-up after the events.

**Trips:** Help pass out snacks, manage tickets and help people needing assistance.

**Events:** Help decorate, set tables, serve refreshments and clean up at the end of events.

#### With Kids

**Preschool Aide:** Assist preschool teachers in the classroom, help prepare craft projects, clean up after projects and help children with various needs.

**Class Helper:** Provide support to the instructor in art, science and cooking classes.

**Camp Counselor Assistant:** Help out during various summer or holiday camps during crafts, sports activities, field trips and reading stories.

**Share Your Hobby or Talent:** Teach children a new skill by sharing your hobbies or talents.

**Gymnastics Competition:** Help set up and take down gymnastics equipment, work concessions and admissions, and tabulate and flash scores.

**Drama Volunteer:** Assist with making costumes, set and prop construction or coordination, backstage chaperone, ushers and ticket sales.

**Dance Assistant:** Serve as a backstage chaperone, ticket seller or usher during dance recitals.

**Performing Arts Camp Expert:** Share your expertise during camps if you work in the dance, acting or music industries.

**Youth Coach:** Teach fundamental skills, good sportsmanship and playing strategies in practice and game situations.

**After-school Programs Helper:** One-hour after-school programs include sports, story time, science, tumbling, drama, dance and computer art activities.

#### At Red Oak Nature Center

**Restoration Steward:** Help eliminate non-native plants from the grounds and gardens, help plant and maintain native plants, and help with general grounds maintenance.

**Red Oak Assistant:** Serve as an engaging representative talking with the public.

**Special Events:** Engage visitors to Red Oak during special events throughout the year.

#### At Blackberry Farm

**Special Events:** Engage visitors to Blackberry Farm during special events throughout the season.

**Interpreter:** Demonstrate pioneer life in one of the houses, museums or shops.

**Gift Shop Assistant:** Help out in the gift shop by stocking shelves, tagging merchandise and assisting with inventory.

**Park Clean-up:** Help with trash removal and general clean-up.

## Join the Fox Valley Park District Fox Force Volunteer Program and ...

- Share your time and talent with the community
- Develop new interests and friendships
- Continue learning and growing
- Become an important part of the community

## Who can volunteer?

### Individuals and Families

*Choose an activity or program based on interests and time availability.*

### Businesses

*Build a company's public image and improve staff morale by building a "team" attitude by contributing staff and/or resources to a single service project or an ongoing activity.*

### Teens and School Groups

*Boys and girls at least 14 years old are invited to acquire new skills and gain valuable work experience.*

**If you're interested in joining our Fox Force volunteer program, please call Debbie Smith at 630-859-8606 or e-mail her at [dsmith@fvpd.net](mailto:dsmith@fvpd.net).**

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Join our dedicated core of volunteers called the Fox Force to help improve the quality of life in the Fox Valley Park District. By sharing your time and talent, you'll have the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, meet new people and make a difference.

If you're interested in joining our Fox Force volunteer program, please mail or drop off this form to Debbie Smith, Prisco Community Center, 150 W. Illinois Ave., Aurora, IL 60506 or e-mail [dsmith@fvpd.net](mailto:dsmith@fvpd.net).

### Fox Valley Park District Fox Force Volunteer Program Interest Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you under 18 years of age? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Which location(s) would you prefer to volunteer?

- ☐ Eola Community Center ☐ Prisco Community Center ☐ Vaughan Athletic Center  
☐ Blackberry Farm ☐ Orchard Valley Golf Course ☐ Red Oak Nature Center

#### Special Events

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#### Parks & Trails

- ☐ Field crews  
☐ Shoreline Clean-up  
☐ Trail Clean-up  
☐ Neighborhood Park Beautification

#### Red Oak Nature Center

- ☐ Restoration Steward  
☐ Red Oak Assistant  
☐ Special Events

#### Volunteer with Active Adults

- ☐ Friendly Center Club  
☐ Trips  
☐ Events

#### Volunteer with Kids

- ☐ Preschool Aide  
☐ Class Helper  
☐ Camp Counselor Assistant  
☐ Share Your Hobby or Talent  
☐ Gymnastics Competition  
☐ Drama Volunteer  
☐ Dance Assistant  
☐ Performing Arts Camp Expert  
☐ Youth Coach  
☐ Neighborhood Art

#### Community Centers

- ☐ Greeter  
☐ Clerical Help  
☐ Birthday Party Helper  
☐ Classroom Aide  
☐ Child Care Aide  
☐ Light-Duty Custodian

#### Blackberry Farm

- ☐ Fall Harvest  
☐ Pumpkin Weekends  
☐ Polar Express  
☐ Interpreter  
☐ Gift Shop Assistant  
☐ Park Clean-up