

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN OPEN LANDS & TRAILS



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Volunteer educators help teach youth about local wildlife, plants and the environment. Students in grades K-5 attend field programs at Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park, River's Edge Natural Area, and Namaqua Park, including *Plants & Places*, *Canyon and Wildlife - Energy Through the Biosphere*, and *Critter Scene Investigations*. Volunteers receive free training to give short presentations at small group learning stations. New trainees are paired with mentors.

Time Commitment:

- On-site & classroom training – 2-4 hours
- Teaching – 1 weekday per week preferred, times vary with programs
 - Spring programs – April & May
 - Fall programs – September through early November



Volunteers are also needed for monthly preschool **PEEPs** programs.

For more info on all programs and to sign up for training, visit: offero.cityofloveland.org



TRAIL HOST PROGRAM

- Engage in positive interactions with the general public
- Answer visitors' questions and provide general information
- Use *Authority of the Resource Technique* (ART) to encourage compliance with area regulations
- Practice & teach *Front Country Leave No Trace*
- Collect & report information regarding public use of natural areas utilizing contact sheets or computer entry

Time Commitment:

- On-site & classroom training – 5 hours with option for shadowing experienced volunteer during walks
- Trail Hosting – 4 hours per month preferred, flexible year-round schedule, self-selected locations

STEWARDSHIP and SPECIAL PROJECTS

Stewardship volunteers help with site restoration, planting, citizen science, trail building, wildlife monitoring, weed removal, small construction, photography and more. Dates vary or self-scheduled.

All volunteers should be in good physical condition, capable of an easy 1-mile hike. No experience or knowledge necessary – all training and materials are provided.

For more information, visit www.lovgov.org – Env. Ed & Volunteering tab

Questions? Contact Michele Van Hare, Coordinator:

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APPLY ONLINE: OFFERO.CITYOFLOVELAND.ORG



Volunteer Training Opportunities – Spring/Summer 2023

FEB 7	CSI Training to teach K-2 grade students a 1/2 day program ⓪ 09:30 AM 📍 Chilson Recreation + Senior Center (700 E 4th St)
FEB 15	CSI Training to teach K-2 grade students a 1/2 day program ⓪ 09:30 AM 📍 Chilson Recreation + Senior Center (700 E 4th St)
FEB 23	CSI Training to teach K-2 grade students a 1/2 day program ⓪ 09:30 AM 📍 Chilson Recreation + Senior Center (700 E 4th St)
MAR 7	Plants & Places Volunteer Training ⓪ 09:00 AM 📍 River's Edge (960 W 1st St)(access from Taft Ave)
MAR 9	Plants & Places Volunteer Training ⓪ 09:00 AM 📍 River's Edge (960 W 1st St)(access from Taft Ave)
MAR 21	VSMP Volunteer Training - Our Canyon Wildlife 1/2 Day Version ⓪ 09:00 AM 📍 Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park (1211 W US 34)
MAR 27	VSMP Volunteer Training - Our Canyon Wildlife Full Day Version ⓪ 09:00 AM 📍 Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park (1211 W US 34)
MAR 28	Plants & Places Volunteer Training ⓪ 09:00 AM 📍 River's Edge (960 W 1st St)(access from Taft Ave)
MAR 30	VSMP Volunteer Training - Our Canyon Wildlife 1/2 Day Version ⓪ 09:00 AM 📍 Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park (1211 W US 34)
APR 1	Garden Training begins in April ⓪ 10:00 AM
APR 4	VSMP Volunteer Training Snow Date ⓪ 10:00 AM 📍 Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park (1211 W US 34)
APR 28	Docent Training for Nature Cabin ⓪ 02:00 PM 📍 Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park (1211 W US 34)
MAY 1	Budburst Training begins in May ⓪ 10:00 AM 📍 River's Edge (960 W 1st St)(access from Taft Ave)
MAY 9	Docent Training for Nature Cabin ⓪ 02:00 PM 📍 Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park (1211 W US 34)
JUN 9	Trail Host Training - "Classroom" Session (Sat am session also required) ⓪ 04:30 PM 📍 River's Edge (960 W 1st St)(access from Taft Ave)
JUN 10	Trail Host Training - On-site Session (Friday eve session also required) ⓪ 09:00 AM 📍 Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park (1211 W US 34)
JUL 8, 9, 15, 16	CIG Training - Become a Certified Interpretive Guide - All Dates required ⓪ 08:30 AM 📍 Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park (1211 W US 34)

The CIG Program is a 4-day (32-hr) course over 2 weekends. It is required for guided walk leaders and presenters giving independent programs on behalf of Open Lands & Trails. Offered but not required for Env. Ed. volunteers.