# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN OPEN LANDS & TRAILS

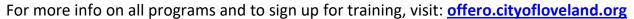
## **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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
  - o Fall programs September through early November

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





#### 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 <a href="www.lovgov.org">www.lovgov.org</a> – Env. Ed & Volunteering tab Questions? Contact Michele Van Hare, Coordinator:

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# **Volunteer Training Opportunities - Spring/Summer 2023**

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