

Education Support Volunteer

Baltimore City Recreation & Parks invites responsible and adventurous individuals to apply for our Education Support Volunteer position. Joining the CMNC team as a volunteer provides valuable experience in teaching, leading, and learning in “Baltimore’s Backyard.” Located in west Baltimore, Gwynns Falls Leakin Park is one of the nation’s largest urban wilderness parks!

Education volunteers at the Carrie Murray Nature Center will work with staff to lead various public programs including: the Forest Preschool, Field Trips, Evening and Weekend Programs, Birthday Parties, Rentals, and more. The type of programming you will support depends on your personal experience, interests, skills, and availability. Volunteers will support our staff Naturalists by setting up/cleaning up for the events, helping to sign in attendees and facilitate programs, as well as engaging with the public. The primary goal of this position is to spark a sense of wonder for the natural world in the community.

Training, a history of the park, and an orientation of the nature center are provided.

OVERVIEW OF RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist with environmental education programs such as field trips, birthday parties, and/or Forest Preschool
- Assist with set-up and clean up of environmental education events
- Learn about Gwynns Falls Leakin Park and its natural history
- Demonstrate professional standards of communication, attitude, and appearance in all interactions with staff and the public
- Captivate young children and build a sense of respect for our natural world
- Ensure that children have fun, safe, playful experiences in Gwynns Falls Leakin Park

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be at least 16 years old
- Able to hike in various terrain and be on your feet for several hours
- Experience working with children preferred
- Eager to learn new approaches and best practices in environmental education and teaching children
- Strong interest in nature, environmental science, outdoor education, or related field
- Eager to discover and interpret local natural history
- Excited to explore the Park in all weather
- Excellent communication skills
- Kind, humorous, considerate attitude!

REQUIREMENTS OF POSITION

- All applicants will be subject to the following:
 - BCRP Volunteer application
 - Background Check
 - Fingerprinting



CMNC Information

DATES AVAILABLE: Year-round. Hours also available for college credit and community service hours.

SHIFTS AVAILABLE: Long-term volunteers are typically scheduled to work the same day(s) for scheduling continuity. Shifts between 8:30am-5:00pm.

CMNC is open **Monday – Saturday** year-round, and **2nd Sundays from May – September**.

TIME COMMITMENT: CMNC requires volunteers to work at least 6 hours/month to remain active. This is either a full day or two half-days every month.

To learn more about Carrie Murray Nature Center, check out our website, subscribe to our newsletter, and follow us on social media: <https://www.carriemurraynaturecenter.org/>.

**Volunteers requiring hours for college credit or community service hours are welcome to work multiple shifts per week to meet their hourly and semester requirements, this will be coordinated with the Naturalist Staff team before onboarding.*

Application Details

TO APPLY please submit an application, listed on the volunteer page on our website.

This position description should not be interpreted as all inclusive. It is intended to identify the major responsibilities and requirements of this position. The incumbents may be requested to perform position-related responsibilities and tasks other than those stated in this specification. Volunteers will be regularly evaluated and given feedback on skills and performance. This is to help the volunteers work to their greatest potential and participate in their own success. The expectation is improved and sustained improvement. Failure to comply with policies, complete tasks satisfactorily, or communicate scheduling needs may result in suspension or termination from this position.