

The Priceless Ingredient – Our Volunteers!

Wildlife care, wildlife rescue, answering telephone calls, co-leading hikes, helping with special events, popping popcorn, assisting with traffic control, operating the live steam engines, bluebird box monitoring, snake surveying...these are just a few of the fun and fantastic ways our nature volunteers help us at Penitentiary Glen Reservation.

In 2007, more than 20,000 volunteer hours were given to the Department of Interpretation. The national “economic value” of an hour of volunteer service is \$17.55 an hour—that’s a \$351,000 value and an impressive figure, no matter how you look at it.

We see volunteers as the priceless ingredient to the success and future of the park district and our mission of conservation, education and stewardship.

We thank you all most sincerely.



Thinking about volunteering for the Nature Center, Wildlife Center or a Citizen Science project? Call the Volunteer Department at 440-256-3825 and ask for Gloria. We have fun in store for you!

Goodbye and Good Luck!

Penitentiary Glen Reservation recently wished Kim Smotek farewell and good luck. Kim was a Wildlife Care Specialist at the Wildlife Center for four years. Her primary role was providing medical care for injured and orphaned animals. She was a dedicated and passionate worker who initiated many research projects that have been beneficial to our animal triage. Kim decided to leave the Wildlife Center to pursue a career in nursing. We wish her the best of luck in all her endeavors.

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