

LAKE METROPARKS



volunteers

SPRING 2024



Fuzzy bunny or talking tree? Sign up to help at Breakfast with the Bunny or visit first grade students with the annual Trees for Wildlife program.

Volunteer Highlight

Peggy and Al Krall have been volunteers since 2019. As a couple, they have helped with many events including the Grand River Canoe & Kayak Race as river spotters, the Pirate Triathlon for packet pickup, Snakes, Turtles, and More and Best of the Bluffs. Peggy often volunteers as a craft helper, greeter, and registration aide for events like Bug Day, while Al spends most of his volunteer hours as a trained hike sweep for Hiking Seniority, Saturday Morning Hikes, creek and gorge hikes, and other nature programs. Happy five years with us, Peggy and Al!



Thank You from Santa Dan

"Please share my appreciation with the Breakfast with Santa volunteers for their contributions to the 2023 event. I may be the one the children are excited to see, but they are the heavy lifters and VIPs. My history with them dates back more than a decade including woodcutting, bagging toys and many, many breakfasts/lunches. Special thanks to Peter Tuttle, Sandy Nelson, Cyndi Pascoe, Katy Lee. Thanks to Earl Linaburg for taking memorable candid photos every opening weekend for years."



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Check out VIC or give us a call to sign up!

MARCH

Trees for Wildlife programs for Lake County first graders run throughout March, and we are looking for volunteers to bring the "Woody the Tree" costume to life. Training is at the end of February, so call soon if you are interested in being the mascot.

Corn pancake makers are needed for **Maple Sugaring Weekends** at Farmpark on March 10. Backyard maple sugaring helpers are needed on March 2.

Dress up as the Easter Bunny for **Breakfast with the Bunny** at Farmpark on March 23, 24, 29 & 30.

Volunteers are needed for **Fun Day Friday: Learning to be Wild** at Penitentiary Glen March 29. Positions include s'mores attendants and game assistants.

APRIL

It's going to be big! The **Total Solar Eclipse** at Farmpark is April 8. A variety of volunteer positions are available, including helping with the planetarium show, sun boxes, space race obstacle course, and more.



EARL LINABURG

The Madhatter is back! The annual **Canoe & Kayak Race** will be held April 20 at Harpersfield Covered Bridge Metropark & Hidden Valley Park. Boat loaders and launchers are needed as well as river spotters and packet pickup volunteers.

Celebrate **Earth Day** with us at Penitentiary Glen on April 21 as a popcorn helper.

Nothing says spring like volunteering for crafts at **Lamb Jam** on April 27 & 28 at Farmpark.

MAY

Keep a look out for Farmpark's annual **Horsefest** May 18 & 19 and the **Spring Showdown Lamb Show** on May 26. Details about positions are coming soon!

Youth Volunteers

Looking to get involved this summer? Youth volunteers are needed for summer camps at various park locations including the beach, Farmpark, Penitentiary Glen Reservation, Chapin Forest Reservation and more. Volunteers must be between 12 and 17 years old. Scheduling begins in early April, so call Volunteer Services at 440-585-3041 x6418 to sign up!



Spring Activities

The 9th Annual **Citizens for Lake Metroparks Spring Fling** will be held at Pine Ridge Country Club on Saturday, March 16, from 6:30 to 10 pm. Price is \$25/person for staff and volunteers and one guest.

The **Spring Art Show** will be on display 9 am to 5 pm daily at Penitentiary Glen Reservation March 16 to May 12. The theme is "Travel the World." Submissions for this summer's **Amateur Photography Contest** will be accepted during the month of May.

The Quilt Show returns to Farmpark March 22 to April 28. Come see more than 200 quilts on display, vote for your favorite, register for workshops, or shop the Vendor Days (April 26 to 28).

The **Lake Shore Live Steamers** will kick off a new season of public train rides April 21. Train rides are free and run 1 pm to 3 pm on select train days at Penitentiary Glen.



Think Spring!

Lake Metroparks Volunteer Services

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VOLUNTEER SERVICES MISSION

Volunteer Services supports the Lake Metroparks' mission by providing a substantial resource of volunteers to enrich and expand Lake Metroparks services and programs as well as generate goodwill through citizen participation in Lake Metroparks.

THE MISSION OF LAKE METROPARKS

To conserve and preserve the natural resources of Lake County while providing a variety of safe, affordable and enjoyable educational and recreational programs and activities that enhance the quality of life in Lake County now and for generations to follow.

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