

LAKE METROPARKS



volunteers

FALL 2025



It's time to get spooky! Sign up to bring a "fright site" to life at Halloween Drive-thru or be part of the holiday tradition at Candy Land.



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

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

Bug Day returns to Penitentiary Glen on September 7 with a focus on bugs that blend in. Help visitors earn their Bugology Degree by serving as a greeter, craft helper, face painter or naturalist assistant.

We are still in need of fishing helpers and a wheelchair helper for **Senior Day** on September 11 at Farmpark, as well as a registered photographer.

The Rangers are looking for some assistance with parking and traffic control during the weekend of September 13 & 14 at Farmpark for **Village Peddler**.

Park photographers are needed for **Horsepower Weekend** at Farmpark on September 20 & 21. There's still room to sign up for the corny apple bar or to help with the car show parking on September 21.

The **Apple & Honey Harvest Weekend** will be held at Farmpark on September 27 & 28. Come help as an apple butter or cider maker or hand out samples to guests.

Family friendly **Hoo-loween** will take place earlier this year on October 3 & 4 at Penitentiary Glen and will be owl themed. Volunteer positions include crafts, refreshments, park photographers and more to be announced soon.

Nothing says fall like corn husk crafts and pumpkin painting! **Corn & Pumpkin Weekend** will be held on October 4 & 5 at Farmpark. We will also need help with the corny apple bar and photography.

Halloween Drive-thru

Gather your friends for a hauntingly good time volunteering at Halloween Drive-thru! There will be three fun-filled weekends available during October 10-12, 17-19 and 24-26 at Farmpark from 4:30 to 9:30 pm each night. Volunteer actors will dress up in costumes and makeup (provided). At check-in you will be assigned a spooky site to bring to life! The sign-up flyer is now available on the VIC homepage and may be submitted to volunteer@lakemetroparks.com. You may also call or email Volunteer Services to schedule your group or be paired with new friends.

Candy Land: It's Wild in Ohio!

Candy Land is a game many of us remember as children, and now it has been brought to life with a natural twist! The life-sized game board takes you on a fun wildlife adventure through an enchanting display featuring a variety of colorful habitats. Scavenger hunts, a new craft and other activities are fun for the whole family! If you are looking to join in on the fun, consider volunteering in one of the below positions:

Volunteers are needed as indoor craft instructors (16+), from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. Dates available are November 22, 23, 26, 28-30, December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 26-30, and January 2-4. Volunteers are also needed outdoors as s'mores attendants (16+) and campfire/s'mores attendants (18+) on Saturdays only from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm (November 22, 29, December 6, 13, 20, 27). All placements are made on a first come, first served basis. Thank you for your help to make Candy Land a magical experience for visitors!

NEW EVENT: Holiday Ice & Lights Festival

New this year to Farmpark is the Holiday Ice & Lights Festival! This three-day family event will take place on Thanksgiving weekend and will combine some of the impressive ice sculptures from Ice Fest with the holiday cheer of Santa and Mrs. Claus. The event will feature wagon rides, holiday lights, a special holiday-themed equine show and more. Help will be needed in the sugar cookie decorating room, as well as with crafts and a scavenger hunt in the train room. Volunteer positions will also include greeters, ice chair monitors, photo op helpers, Santa's elves and popcorn attendants. Shifts will be 11:30 am to 4 pm and 3:30 to 8:30 pm, Friday, November 28 through Sunday, November 30. Sign up on VIC!

Discounted or Free Volunteer Tickets

Hoo-loween Volunteer Tickets

Current LMP volunteers will be eligible to purchase discounted tickets to this year's Hoo-loween event at Penitentiary Glen. To order tickets, volunteers must participate in the ticket sale on Monday, September 8 beginning at 8 am and apply code VOL25 as the promo code when prompted to receive the discount. Event nights are Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4. Time slots are 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 9:30 pm. Ticket sales are online only.

Halloween Drive-Thru Tickets

Current LMP volunteers will be eligible to receive one free ticket (one carload) to this year's Halloween Drive-thru event at Farmpark. To order your free ticket, volunteers must participate in the ticket sale online only on Monday, September 22 beginning at 8 am and apply code VOL25 as the promo code when prompted. Event nights are October 10-12, 17-19 and 24-26. Time slots are 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 pm.

Country Lights Drive-thru Tickets

Current LMP volunteers will be eligible to receive one free ticket (one carload) to this year's Country Lights Drive-thru event at Farmpark. To order your free ticket, volunteers will need to participate in the ticket sale online only on Monday, October 27 beginning at 8 am and apply code VOL25 as the promo code when prompted. Event nights are December 5-7, 12-14, 19-21 and 26-28. Time slots are 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 pm.

Fall has Farmpark bustling! Don't miss this fun time of year!

Lake Metroparks Volunteer Services

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To help keep our records updated, please send us any changes to your address, telephone numbers or email. Keep in touch! If you would like to receive information from us via email, please forward your email address to volunteer@lakemetroparks.com.

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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