



## **Volunteer Opportunities at Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation November going Forward!!**

For information on volunteering for any of these programs

Please contact:

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Volunteers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an Adult that is at least 21 years old. Volunteers working with the Therapeutic Recreation (TR) Division must be at Least 18 years old

### **Spotlight Projects:**

#### **Coaches:**

##### **Basketball Coaches**

Location: Throughout Mecklenburg County call for locations r

Dates: November – February

Times: Approximately 3 hours a week (1 ½ for games and 1 ½ for practice)

We need coaches for Youth Flag Football, Football, Soccer, and Basketball.

It's not too early to sign up as a coach for any event.

Coaches will be responsible for running one week night practice each week and for the game on Saturday. These opportunities are located at our Recreation Centers throughout Mecklenburg County. To find a center close to you visit our web site: [www.parkandrec.com](http://www.parkandrec.com)

##### **\*Cheerleading Coaches**

Location: Throughout Mecklenburg County call for locations r

Dates: NOW– October

Times: Approximately 3 hours a week (1 ½ for games and 1 ½ for practice)

##### **\*Baseball Coaches**

Location: Throughout Mecklenburg County call for locations r

Dates: March – June

Times: Approximately 3 hours a week (1 ½ for games and 1 ½ for practice)

**\*Track and Field Coaches**

Location: Throughout Mecklenburg County call for locations r

Dates: February forward

Times: Approximately 3 hours a week (1 ½ for games and 1 ½ for practice)

**\*Tennis**

Location: Throughout Mecklenburg County call for locations r

Dates: SPRING

Times: Approximately 3 hours a week (1 ½ for games and 1 ½ for practice)



## Individual Volunteer Needs

### 1. Girls Club

Greenville Recreation Center

1330 Spring Street

Starting Back Monday July 6, 2009

Mondays: 5:30 p m – 6:30 pm

Description: This is an outreach program for young girls in the community ranging in ages from 7 to 18.

### 2. ARTISTS NEEDED

If you can teach basic art such as painting, sketching, design or sculpture and would like to give back

to your community please let us know. Schedules and locations (Recreation Centers in Mecklenburg County) are flexible. Volunteers should be able to develop some sort of lesson plan for the classes and also be able to show examples of their work.

### 3. Park Ambassadors

Location: All Parks and Greenways

Dates: On Going

Hours: You Decide

Description: On foot or bike, monitor and report on the parks, trails, and greenways. Greet patrons as a representative of the department, must commit to at least 6 months as an ambassador.

### 4. Therapeutic Enrichment Program

Location: Marion Diehl Center 2219 Tyvola Rd

Dates: Monday through Fridays following the CMS Schedule

Hours: 3:30 pm- 5:30 pm

Description: TREP is an afterschool program for teens, 13-21 with disabilities. The program's activities consist of games, gardening, sports, music, crafts, as well as enhancing life skills and socialization.

Qualifications: Volunteer must be at least 18 years old and able to lift at least 25 pounds, stand, and bend

Description of Volunteer Job: Volunteer will assist with set-up & break-down, participant supervision, and facilitating activities.

## 5. 4H Club

Greenville Recreation Center

1330 Spring Street

Dates: 9/14 – 5/3

1 hour each week

Description of Program: Working with staff to lead a 4 H program. Curriculum will be provided.

## **REOCCURRING MONTHLY PROJECTS**

\*Ribbon Walk/Reedy Creek Nature Center

Location: RibbonWalk Nature Preserve (4601 Nevin Rd) or

Reedy Creek Nature Center (2900 Rocky River Rd)

Dates: Second Saturday of every month

Times: 10 am – 12 noon

Description: Volunteers help us remove invasive plants (pulling weeds and using loppers and saws on shrubs and vines), keep trails clear from debris, install erosion control brakes (shoveling), lay down woodchips, raking, clean up creeks, streams & ponds, etc. All projects are done outside, will require physical exertion and are cancelled when raining or in high winds. Number of volunteers: Flexible but must know ahead of time, to sign up just call or email to let me know you are coming!

\*Monthly Group Projects are available in Parks, on our Greenways and at our Nature Preserves.

You choose the Date and Time; we set you up with a Turn Key project in one of our parks. The volunteers would be assisting with picking up litter, limbs and other debris; mulching, pruning, and planting. Number of Volunteers: 5-10

Preferred Age Group: 16 and up

CALL 704-336-5478 to set up your project NOW

\*Freedom Park

Location: 1900 East Dates: Third Saturday of every month

Times: 10 am – 12 noon

Description: Volunteers help us remove invasive plants (pulling weeds and using loppers and saws on shrubs and vines), keep trails clear from debris, install erosion control brakes (shoveling), lay down woodchips, raking, clean up creeks, streams & ponds, etc. All projects are done outside, will require physical exertion and are cancelled when raining or in high winds. Number of volunteers: Flexible but must know ahead of time to sign up just call or email to let me know you are coming!!



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESSES

These are turn key projects, just show up dressed appropriately and raring to go!!

We can even arrange for a shelter to be made available for a picnic lunch.

1. Adoptions: The adoption program is a great one for businesses that encourage staff to do a certain amount of volunteering each month. You'll have a set date/time and place so you can just post the info and folks can plan ahead. You have to commit to a group of at least 10 showing up each month for at least 4 hours (sometime less depending on what the project is). We'll have signs put up stating that you have adopted the park/greenway/rec center.

2. Periodic projects: These would be on a regular basis but not necessarily as often as once a month. We'd lay out the dates a year in advance (for example: the second Friday of the month). The locations would be decided upon at least a month in advance.

3. Special Events: These are great fun and are very popular amongst the corporate world. Some take place on weekends; some during the work week, they are a great way to bond and build teams!!

## Natural Resources Division

Locations: Latta Plantation Nature Center, McDowell Nature Center, Reedy Creek Nature Center

Dates: On Going Times: Vary

Animal Care: Assist with routine maintenance and feeding of Nature Center Animals

Native Plant Gardening: Assist with the wildlife habitat gardens.

\*Programming: Present programs on local biodiversity and natural heritage.

\*Traveling Exhibits: Assist us in presenting at local festivals and off-site programs.

\*Administration: Assist with routine operations including gift shop sales,

\*Answering phones and Greeting visitors.

\*Litter Prevention: Assist us in keeping our grounds clean and pollution free.

\*\*Because of the time investment in training, volunteers are asked to be able to commit at

Least 6 months of service.

\*\*Volunteers under sixteen years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian