

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH HUNTERDON PARKS & REC

***Note: the times listed are the event times; volunteer shifts may begin before the event and end after the event.**

EVENTS 2018

Maple Sugaring Living History – (Saturday, March 3, 2018 open house / 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM / Echo Hill) (February 28, March 1, & 2 school & group field trips / 9:00 am - 5:00 pm / Echo Hill) During the event, cook and serve pancakes and talk about maple products. Play a station character: the naturalist, the Native American, the frontiersman, or the evaporator tender. Script provided! February weekdays, help collect sap. Please contact Patrick Eckard at (908) 782-1158 or peckard@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Earth Day Volunteers – (Saturday, April 21, 2018 / 2:30 - 8:00 PM / Echo Hill) Volunteers are needed to run crafts and games and take photographs. Please contact Liz Fulmer at (908) 782-1158 or lfulmer@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Tree Planting – (Saturday, May 19, 2018 / 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM / Sunnyside) Join your local Watershed Ambassador to plant over 100 native saplings in the Sunnyside Awosagame Grove! Volunteers of all ages will help plant the trees and install protective tree tubes. You may bring your own shovels and gloves, but tools will also be available. Light refreshments will be provided! Please contact Erica Rossetti at (908) 234-1852 x 323 or americorps@raritanheadwaters.org.

Trails Day Event – (Saturday, June 2, 2018 / 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM / meet at Arboretum / ages 14 through adult) Canoe down the South Branch and help remove litter and debris. We may conduct minor handsaw and clipping work. Through generous donations, volunteers will enjoy a light breakfast and full lunch. Please contact Tom Sheppard at (908) 782-1158 or tsheppard@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Music Under the Stars Summer Concert Series – (Thursdays, June 28 through August 16, 2018 / 7:00 to 9:00 PM / Deer Path Park) Help County Rangers park cars. Assist manager with concert tasks. Please contact Patrick Eckard at (908) 782-1158 or peckard@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

4H & Agricultural Fair – (Wednesday through Sunday, August 22-26, 2018 / South County Park) Volunteers needed to run the Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation information booth. (Wednesday through Sunday, three- or four- hour shifts available from 4:30 PM to 10:00 PM weekdays, 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Saturday, or 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday. Please contact Dan Bush at (908) 782-1158 or parks@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Public Lands Day – (Saturday, September 22, 2018 / 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM / meet at Arboretum / ages 12 through adult) We are opening new trails in the Furnas Section of the Arboretum, with the grand plan to connect Furnas, the Arboretum, and Echo Hill into one long trail over the three parks. Gloves, safety glasses, and tools will be provided, but volunteers can bring their own if desired. We provide a continental breakfast and full lunch. Individuals and groups who would like to volunteer for Public Lands Day or receive more information should contact Patrick Eckard at (908) 782-1158 or peckard@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Touch-a-Truck Day – (Saturday, November 3, 2018 / 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM / Deer Path Park) We need cool vehicle owners to bring their cool vehicles to share with the general public. Many volunteers are needed for a variety of positions throughout the day—parking, greeters, hospitality, vehicle babysitting, lunch break help, attendance clicker, setup/cleanup. Please contact Liz Fulmer at (908) 782-1158 or lfulmer@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS 2018

Nature Club Assistant – (winter, spring, and fall at Echo Hill) Assist Park Naturalist with group of ten children ages 3 through 9 as they do nature activities. Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:00, 1:00 – 2:30 PM, and 4:00 – 5:30 PM. Must be willing to commit to at least one of the time slots for an entire 8-week session. Winter session runs January 9 – February 27. Spring session is April 3 – May 22. Fall dates TBA. Please contact Laura Bush at (908) 782-1158 or lkroon@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Spring Break Camp – (Wednesday and Thursday, April 4 – 5 / 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM / Echo Hill) Assist Park Naturalists with a one-day nature camp for kindergartners through fifth graders. We will cover camp favorites such as shelter building, catching insects, and a campfire. Volunteers can assist with one or both days. Please contact Laura Bush at (908) 782-1158 or lkroon@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Basketry Workshop – (winter, spring, and fall / Arboretum) Assist basket instructor with large groups, prepare material, set-up, and teach basketry. Most programs run weekdays 6:00 - 10:00 PM, but some are on Saturdays or weekdays during the day. Please contact Liz Fulmer at (908) 782-1158 or lfulmer@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Canoe Program – Assist canoe leader staff with canoe trips and clinics. Includes loading equipment, assisting participants, loading and unloading canoes. Some experience necessary. Please contact Patrick Eckard at (908) 782-1158 or peckard@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Your Program – Share your knowledge, abilities, and/or experiences. Would you like to offer a program to your community? Call us at (908) 782-1158! For recreation/craft programs, email Liz Fulmer at lfulmer@co.hunterdon.nj.us. For nature/interpretive programs, email Laura Bush at lkroon@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

SUMMER CAMPS 2018

Recreation Camp Counselors-in-Training (CIT) – A volunteer opportunity for teens entering 9th through 12th grades. CITs can volunteer for:

- Performance Camp (July 9 – 13 or July 16 – 20 / 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Friday until 7:00 PM / Deer Path Park)
- Craft Camp (June 25 – 29 / 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM / Arboretum)
- Art Camp (August 6 – 10 or August 20 – 24 / 9:00 AM – 1:15 PM / Arboretum)
- Scensational Camps (July 16 – 20 or July 30 – August 3 / 9:00 AM – 3:45 PM / Arboretum)
- LEGO Camps (July 23 – 27 / 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM / Arboretum)

A great opportunity for on-the-job-experience and a boost for your résumé. **CITs must attend a training session on Monday, June 11 at 6:00 - 9:30 PM and will be offered an opportunity to take a CPR class.** To apply: submit an Individual Volunteer Application with attached recommendation from a teacher or employer. You can pick up an application at the Arboretum or from our website www.co.hunterdon.nj.us (Click on "Volunteer Opportunities.") Please contact Liz Fulmer at (908) 782-1158 or lfulmer@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Summer Nature Program Counselors-in-Training (CIT) – A volunteer opportunity for teens entering 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. We will select several Counselors-in-Training for each of our two Summer Nature Camp sites (Echo Hill and Teetertown). Have fun outdoors while building your résumé. CITs are required to attend an evening training session **Thursday, May 31 from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM** at the Arboretum. CITs will work Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, and must be able to commit to two weeks during the camp season (camp runs June 25 to August 17). To apply: Submit an Individual Volunteer Application with a letter of recommendation from a teacher or employer. Applications available at the Arboretum or on our web site www.co.hunterdon.nj.us (click on "Volunteer Opportunities.") Please contact Laura Bush at (908) 782-1158 or lkroon@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

MONITORING & MAINTENANCE PROJECTS 2018

Scout Groups – The Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation accepts the kindness of scout groups looking to offer community service, including those scouts working on Eagle or Gold projects. Please contact Patrick Eckard at (908) 782-1158 or peckard@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Adopt-a-Trail Program – Our Adopt-a-Trail Program keeps our parks clean, safe, and ready for use by everyone. In order to accomplish this, we are seeking citizen volunteers and/or volunteer organizations (scout troops, civic organizations, etc.) to adopt a specific trail and to agree to periodically walk and inspect the trail. Volunteers will walk the trail at least once a month for ten months of the year, conduct litter clean-up, remove debris, do minor shrub and vine pruning, and report any need for additional work that may have to be performed by the County (such as fallen tree removal). So if you love nature and enjoy working outside, please join the Adopt-a-Trail program. To sign up, contact Patrick Eckard at (908) 782-1158 or peckard@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Garden Maintenance – Care for our Arboretum gardens. Please contact Jason Strauss at (908) 782-1158.

Bluebird House Monitoring – We are seeking volunteers to monitor bluebird houses in the County Parks. Includes checking for nesting success at the end of the nesting season, as well as cleaning out old nests and repairing or reinstalling houses that fall down. Please contact Laura Bush at (908) 782-1158 or lkroon@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Survey Project – We are seeking volunteers to walk one of our parks twice a month to record what species they see each time, whether it is plants, fungi, mammals, birds, insects, etc. Volunteers do not need to be an expert on all nature topics; however, they should have a basic knowledge of at least one of the categories of plants or animals. We are building a database of all species living in our parks from volunteer and employee observations. Please contact Tom Sheppard at (908) 782-1158 or tsheppard@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Sign Painting – We are seeking volunteers to help paint signs at various County parks. Paint and brushes will be supplied. Contact Liz Fulmer at (908) 782-1158 or lfulmer@co.hunterdon.nj.us.