

Volunteer

Group Volunteer Projects

Role Description



Group Volunteers support Larimer County Department of Natural Resources (LCDNR) by working alongside staff on facility, maintenance & stewardship projects.

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Our mission is to establish, protect and manage significant regional parks and open lands providing quality outdoor recreational opportunities and stewardship of natural resources values. We are committed to fostering a sense of community and appreciation for the natural and agricultural heritage of Larimer County for present and future generations.

Role Summary:

Group Volunteers are local businesses, recreational, social, youth, school and community groups who are committed to being stewards of our parks & open spaces. These groups positively impact the community & environment by helping with facility, maintenance, & stewardship projects such as trail maintenance, wildlife habitat improvements, tree and shrub planting, campground renovations and more. Group Volunteers give back to public lands while working outside as a team with LCDNR staff toward a common goal.

Benefits:

- Be an integral part of promoting LCDNR's mission and fostering stewardship values
- A fun opportunity for team building, networking, and encouraging camaraderie
- Learn from experienced staff
- Be physically active outdoors
- Know that you are making a difference and a visible impact
- Your group's efforts will be recognized in special events, newsletters, and other volunteer recognition resources
- A day parking pass is provided for projects. Group Volunteers are welcome to use it after the project and enjoy the park or open space for the day. (Dependent upon parking availability)



Requirements:

- Provide a minimum of 10 volunteers per project. If your group cannot fill this requirement then LCDNR will be allowed to supplement with LCDNR volunteers. (It will be up to staff's discretion if the project can be completed with less than 10 volunteers)
- Use [Offero.larimer.org](https://www.larimer.org), LCDNR's volunteer software, to request a project. Six (6) weeks' notice is preferred. A minimum of two (2) weeks' notice is required. (The request form link can also be found on our volunteer webpage: <https://www.larimer.org/naturalresources/volunteer>)
- Must abide by park regulations and safety guidelines
- Understanding and acceptance of the potential risks for this volunteer position such as inclement weather, potentially dangerous rattlesnake or other wildlife encounters, and injuries resulting from the physical duties associated with a project.

Group Volunteer Projects are dependent on the current needs of the department.

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Duties:

- Follow guidance, directions, and safety instructions of LCDNR staff
- Be friendly, courteous, and respectful of staff, visitors, & fellow volunteers
- Have all project volunteers sign the Liability Release form on the day of the project
- Arrive on time & prepared to work
- Dress appropriately and bring necessary supplies for the project. Typically, this includes wearing sturdy closed-toed shoes, sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen), water, snacks/lunch, clothing layers for variable weather conditions, work gloves, and anything else you'll need for a day outdoors.
- Contact the Volunteer Specialist at least 48 hours in advance if your group needs to cancel the project for any reason
- All tools and project materials are provided
- LCDNR staff will communicate any changes to the project date, location or scope of work to the group's leader or point of contact. We will also record volunteer hours and outcomes of each project

Training:

- Any training will be provided at the start of each project
- Training will cover appropriate tool use & safety

Schedule:

- Projects and dates vary and typically occur on weekdays. Opportunities are available March – October. Saturday & Sunday projects may be available on occasion if requested.
- Projects are typically scheduled 9 am - 12 pm or 1 pm - 4 pm.
- Trail maintenance projects are available on the weekdays or on the third Saturday of each month from May through October. Projects are scheduled, typically, from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. We can potentially accommodate an early evening project as well.
- If you are not sure of a specific date or time, in the Special Accommodations section of the request, provide a range of dates and we'll do our best to work with you. We cannot guarantee accommodation of all requests.

If no project is available, your group can schedule an Independent Litter Cleanup (always one of our biggest needs) or we will keep your request on a waitlist for possible future opportunities.



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Next Steps....

1. Submit a Group Volunteer Request (<https://www.larimer.org/naturalresources/volunteer>)
2. Be matched with an available project
3. Receive a confirmation email with details about the project
4. Two weeks prior to the project date, confirm the number of volunteers in your group and project schedule
5. Arrive at the project location and have fun while giving back to your community!

Questions?

Contact Julie Enderby
Education & Volunteer Specialist
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The Larimer County Natural Resources Volunteer Program is not obligated to provide a placement, nor are you obligated to accept the position offered. Opportunities for volunteers are provided without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex or age. Larimer County is committed to equality of opportunity.