

Volunteer
Project Team
Position Description



Project Team volunteers foster responsible land stewardship by participating in projects to improve and maintain Larimer County Department of Natural Resources' parks, open spaces, and facilities.

Larimer County Department of Natural Resources
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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.

Position Summary:

Project Team volunteers support Larimer County Department of Natural Resources (LCDNR) staff by assisting with various stewardship, facility and maintenance projects. Projects include trail maintenance, wildlife habitat improvements, tree and shrub planting, campground renovations and more. Project Team volunteers are stewards of our natural areas, preserving them for future generations while gaining new skills and having fun getting dirty.

Benefits:

- Be an integral part of promoting LCDNR's mission and fostering stewardship values
- Learn from experienced staff and work with people with similar interests
- Be physically active outdoors
- Know that you are making a difference and a visible impact
- Flexible schedule
- Participate in fun appreciation and social events
- Complete 20+ volunteer hours in a calendar year & receive a LCDNR parking pass



Requirements:

- Must be friendly, courteous, and respectful
- Team player and able to work cooperatively in a group setting
- Follow guidance, directions and safety instructions of LCDNR staff and other volunteers
- Good communication skills
- Be in good physical condition: ability to lift up to 25 lbs., walk at least a mile, bend, stoop, push and climb stairs – *certain projects will have more demanding physical requirements which will be communicated in advance*
- Experience with physical labor skills such as landscaping, maintenance, “handyman”, construction , etc. are helpful but not required
- Ability to provide own transportation
- 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.

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Duties:

- Open & read emails from LCDNR announcing upcoming projects
- Review project specific details before committing to an opportunity to ensure you are capable of the physical duties and time requirements
- Listen to and follow all safety guidelines and instructions given by LCDNR staff or volunteer leaders
- Arrive on time and prepared to work
- Use offer.larimer.org, LCDNR's volunteer software, to sign-up for projects. Check the calendar for upcoming project opportunities
- Responsible for removing yourself from a project if you are no longer able to participate
- Dress appropriately and bring necessary supplies for the assigned project. Typically, this includes wearing sturdy closed-toed shoes, sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen), water, snacks/lunch, clothing layers for variable weather conditions, leather work gloves, and anything else you'll need for a day outdoors
- Work with community, corporate and/or partner groups on projects by filling in to help meet the minimum group size requirement of 10 volunteers
- All tools and project materials are provided

Training:

- New Volunteer Orientation (1 hour)
- On the project training – varies by project

Schedule:

- Projects and dates vary and typically occur on weekdays. Opportunities are available September – May
- Volunteers register themselves for the projects that work best for their personal schedule, interests, and/or physical abilities



Next Steps....

1. Submit a Volunteer application
2. Schedule an interview with Volunteer Engagement staff
3. Attend New Volunteer Orientation
4. Start volunteering!

Questions?

Contact Julie Enderby

Education & Volunteer Specialist

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