

2016 Parklands Volunteer Positions



Zone Garden Volunteer

Overview:

The objective of the zone garden volunteer program is to support the Parklands gardening staff in maintaining and beautifying the sustainable gardens of The Parklands of Floyd's Fork in a one-on-one, weekly capacity or in an occasional group setting.

Tasks:

- Planting of trees, shrubs, perennials and bulbs
- Weeding and mulching of garden beds
- Propagation of vegetable and perennial seedlings
- Maintenance of small tree nursery
- Cleaning and maintaining tools and equipment
- Basic building tasks (ex: fences and raised garden beds)
- Assist in garden bed design



Skills and Requirements:

The ideal zone garden volunteer has a love for plants, gardening, and the outdoors. Previous gardening experience is a plus, but not necessary. Keep in mind that gardening is a very physical job that may involve lifting, digging, and carrying heavy loads. Volunteers are required to sign a waiver form.

Time Commitment:

Zone garden volunteers commit to a consistent 2-3 hour shift once per week. The shift is chosen based on the volunteer's schedule and preference and is agreed upon by both the volunteer and the assigned zone gardener.

Support and Training:

All volunteers will be assigned to a specific zone gardener, who will provide direct instruction and guidance for all volunteer activities. Volunteers will receive additional support from the Head Gardener, Director of Horticulture, and the Program Coordinator. Some activities may require the use of light power equipment, in which case appropriate training will be provided. Volunteers are required to attend an orientation and training to meet the staff, set a schedule, and learn more about the vision and planning behind the garden areas in The Parklands.

Benefits:

Zone garden volunteers will develop their gardening skills and grow their understanding of native plants and horticulture by working directly with knowledgeable Parklands team members. Additional benefits include a fun and relaxed training, a chance to meet new people, and the opportunity to make a positive impact as a part of the valued Parklands volunteer team.