



Volunteer Interest Indicator

Name _____ Date _____
Email Address: _____

Using the attached position descriptions as a guide, please check all that interest you and return this page to the Nature Society office.

Education

- School Fieldtrip Program Assist.
- Canoe Guide
- Nature Center Staffer
- Reptile Talks/Care Specialist
- Trail Interpreter
- Raptor Rehab Specialist
- Birthday Party Program Leader
- Toddler Tales Leader
- Summer Day Camp Assistant
- Community Ambassador
- Sugarbush Interpreter
- Exhibit Designer

Maintenance & Construction

- Trail Monitor @ WWNP
- Trail Monitor @ HW
- Nature Center Maintenance
- Trail Maintenance & Construction
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Creek Maintenance
- Bird Area Maintenance
- Woodworker
- Horticulture & Garden Mainten.
- Wed. Workcrew Volunteer

Conservation

- Bird Banding Assistant
- Water Quality Monitor
- Bird Count Participant
- Bird Area Maintenance
- Animal Care
- Invasive Species Control

- Canoe Transportation
- Photographer
- Wed. Volunteer Cook
- Publicity & Promotions
- Bulk Mailing
- Volunteer Coordinator

Administration

- Telephone & Info Services
- Clerical Assistant
- Holiday Wreath Sales
- Gift Shop Attendant
- Special Event Worker

Fundraising

- Recycle Saturday Volunteer
- Recycle Center Volunteer

Volunteer Opportunities with Wesselman Nature Society

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Wesselman Nature Society. Staff relies heavily on our corps of talented and dedicated volunteers. Whether you have one hour or one day to give, we hope you'll consider joining our volunteer family. Here are the areas in which we need volunteers:

Education – As requests for our programs continue to grow, we are in need of people to help us deliver our environmental education mission to youth and adults.

- School/Scout Program Assistant – Assist staff Naturalists in teaching a variety of environmental topics to children at both Wesselman Woods and Howell Wetlands. Must complete Docent training.
- Canoe Guides – Guides canoe trips with Canoe Evansville, teaching environmental concepts to varied audiences. Must complete Docent training. Must be CPR and First Aid certified.
- Nature Center Staffers – Staff Nature Center lobby on weekends and holidays, answering visitor's questions and providing short interpretive programs. Must complete Docent training.
- Trail Interpreters – Guide and narrate hikes at Wesselman Woods or Howell Wetlands. Must complete Docent Training.
- Raptor Rehab Specialists – Help to care for the Society's resident raptors. Present Raptors to audiences during scheduled programs. Must complete Docent Training. Must complete Rehabber Training.
- Birthday Party Leaders – Set up for and lead two hour Birthday Parties for our young guests.
- Toddler Tales Leaders – Lead our popular Preschool storytime and craft for our youngest visitors.
- Summer Day Camp Assistants – Assist staff Naturalists in conducting summer camp programs.
- Community Ambassadors – Represent the Society at various functions such as Bloomin' Zoo, WNIN Kid's Fest, Ideal Day, etc. Provide presentations to local Civic groups.
- Sugarbush Interpreters – Assist staff in preparing for and conducting our annual Maple Sugarbush Festival. Learn to tap trees, boil down sap and bottle syrup. Assist in demonstrations for Festival visitors and school groups.

- Exhibit Designers – Assist staff in the design and creation of educational exhibits for display in the Nature Center.

Maintenance & Construction – It takes a lot of people to keep things running smoothly! If you're handy with tools or like to work outside, consider these volunteer positions.

- Trail Monitors – Help to keep our trail systems safe by monitoring the trails at Wesselman Woods or Howell Wetlands. Report damaged boardwalks, fallen trees and other areas that need attention while getting exercise and enjoying the outdoors.
- Nature Center Maintenance – Assist with minor repairs and routine maintenance in and around the Nature Center at Wesselman Woods.
- Trail Maintenance & Construction – Get out in the fresh air while keeping our trail systems safe and enjoyable. Help build new boardwalk, remove storm debris or apply fresh mulch to trails.
- Vehicle Maintenance – Help keep our vehicles and ATVs purring along by doing scheduled preventive maintenance.
- Creek Maintenance – Help keep Pigeon Creek navigable by clearing major debris and unsightly litter. Get outside and get wet!
- Woodworkers – Many of our programs involve the construction of wildlife feeders or houses. We need talented craftsmen to cut and assemble kits for use during these programs and for sale in the Gift Shop. We provide the materials; you provide the time and talent.
- Horticulture and Garden Maintenance – Let us borrow your green thumb! Beds and borders need to be weeded and watered in the warm weather months.

Conservation – Assist us with scientific studies that contribute significantly to the health of our local and global environment.

- Bird Banding Assistants – Assist our licensed bird bander in public programs where he catches, bands and releases birds found in the Nature Preserve. Data collected contributes to ornithological studies throughout North America.
- Water Quality Monitors – Improving the water quality of Pigeon Creek and its tributaries is an important goal. Learn how to use basic water monitoring equipment to track the health of our watershed.

- Bird Count Participants – Join Audubon Society members and others as we count the birds throughout Evansville during The Great Backyard Bird Count and Audubon’s Spring and Christmas Bird Counts held in February, May and December respectively.
- Bird Area Maintenance – Help us help the wildlife! Wesselman Woods hosts many different species of birds that often feed in the bird viewing area to the rear of the Nature Center. Keeping this area clean and birdfeeders full takes many volunteers.
- Animal Care - Assist Naturalists in caring for some of our resident animals. Feed, exercise and clean up after our docent animals.
- Invasive Species Control – Using herbicides and/or manual means to eliminate threats to native plants by removing invasive species. Training and protective equipment will be provided. This is limited to adults only.

Fundraising – Successful organizations have many ways of raising funds. Since we receive no state or federal funding we rely on your help to make these programs a success.

- Recycle Saturday Volunteers – One Saturday each month, WNS partners with the Vanderburgh County Solid Waste District to offer recycling to residents in outlying areas of the City. Come help us unload cars and sort recyclable materials. Raising funds with friends while helping create a sustainable community – what a great way to spend a Saturday morning!
- Recycle Center Volunteers – Hundreds of tons of recyclable materials are collected each year at the Recycle Center at Wesselman Woods. Volunteers are always needed to sort and stack materials.
- Special Event Workers – It takes a lot of people to make our Special Events successful. We need ticket takers, pancake flippers, snake wranglers and more! Events include: Maple Sugarbush Festival and Pancake Breakfast; Earth Day; Reptile Invasion; Pickin’ on the Pigeon; Nut Club Fall Festival and Haunted Hayrides. Join us for a fun time with great people, while helping the Society.
- Gift Shop Attendants – Help staff the Nature Center Gift Shop during field trips holidays, and other busy times of the year.
- Holiday Wreath Sales – The holiday wreath sale is a big fundraiser for the Society. Staff booths at local businesses selling our beautiful live wreaths and swags.

Administration – Those who work behind the scenes may not get much glory, but we couldn’t do all that we do without them.

- Telephone / Information Services – The Society Office is a busy place. Help us by answering phones and assisting callers. With just a bit of training, you can help both staff and patrons with your assistance.
- Clerical Assistance – Copying, data entry, program preparation, day camp administration, filing, purchasing...just a few of the many ways we need help around the office.
- Canoe Transportation Assistant – Assist Canoe Evansville by shuttling canoe customers between the trip take out and put in locations. Must have a valid IN Driver's License and be able to safely drive a 15 passenger bus.
- Photographers – Enjoy taking digital photos? Volunteer to take pictures of our programs or special events, and you'll likely see your work in print in our newsletter or on our website!
- Cooks – Our volunteers work up an incredible appetite. If you enjoy cooking for others, why not volunteer to help prepare occasional meals?
- Publicity and Promotions – Think of all the people who never come to our programs just because they didn't know about them! Assist staff by delivering flyers, placing yard signs, creating and updating banners, contacting community calendars and spreading the word about our great programs!
- Bulk Mail Prep – Assist staff in preparing materials for bulk mail. Folders, tapers, and labelers are always needed to get Newsletters, Program Guides and other items out in a timely manner.
- Volunteer Coordinators – And who keeps all of the above people organized, utilized and recognized? A few organized and talented people are needed to coordinate and assist our volunteers.

Please let us know how to make this volunteer experience rewarding for you.
We look forward to working with you!