



Montgomery County Parks Department
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VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: BEEKEEPER
LOCATION: Brookside Nature Center and Meadowside Nature Center
TIME: Positions are available weekdays and weekends, during both the day and evening

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Montgomery County Nature Facilities provide a variety of natural and cultural history programs for the public and maintain an active exhibit area, grounds, and trails. The Montgomery County Beekeeper Association's Volunteer Beekeepers help with the establishment and maintenance of indoor and outdoor bee colonies or hives and help people learn about bees and their value in the environment.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Establish bee colonies for indoor observation beehive display.
2. Monitor conditions of outdoor beehives as well as indoor observation hive.
3. Report on maintenance needs for hives.
4. Maintain hives and hive areas.
5. Manage bee colonies.
6. Produce educational flyers, brochures or other information for the public.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Experience with beekeeping, and an active member of the Montgomery County Beekeepers Association.
2. Solid communication skills, good command of the English language (other language proficiencies welcome!).
3. Desire to share knowledge with the public.
4. Ability to work well with a diverse clientele.
5. Ability to work independently.
6. Ability to follow directions with accuracy and with attention to detail.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Minimum age 18 years.
2. References required.
3. Background check/fingerprinting possible.
4. Ability to commit to a pre-arranged schedule.
5. Staff shirt/hat and name tag required (provided by nature facility)

TRAINING:

Training in beekeeping skills is provided by the Montgomery County Beekeepers Association. Also require successful completion of Nature Center Volunteer Orientation e-Learning course.

COMMENTS:

This can be a rewarding opportunity to contribute your knowledge of beekeeping to the general public, or to learn about beekeeping. Volunteers provide a valuable resource for staff and the public.

BENEFITS:

Volunteers at Montgomery County Nature Facilities receive many benefits, including program discounts, volunteer appreciation events, hands on educational opportunities and more. Please see our benefits flyer for a complete list.