

Montgomery County Parks Department
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VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: GARDENER
LOCATION: Brookside, Locust Grove & Meadowside Nature Centers and Black Hills Visitor 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. Gardeners assist with interpretive and display gardens. These may include native plant, butterfly, hummingbird, sensory, historical, and herb gardens. Gardeners take pride in their role as representatives for the Montgomery County Parks Department.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Assist the Naturalist and Maintenance staff with planting and routine maintenance of gardens.
2. May help with design of specialty gardens.
3. Research background information on gardening topics.
4. Assist with developing handouts for the interpretive gardens.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Interest in gardening.
2. Willingness to learn gardening techniques.
3. Desire to share plant and gardening knowledge/interests with staff and the public.
4. Ability to follow directions and ensure attention to detail.
5. Ability to work independently.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Minimum age 14 years.
2. Ability to work outdoors.
3. References required.
4. Fingerprint Background Check required.
5. Ability to commit to a pre-arranged schedule.
6. Staff shirt/hat and nametag required (provided by Nature Facility).

AUTHORITY:

Use of park equipment, facilities, and materials as needed.

TRAINING:

Successful completion of Nature Center Volunteer Orientation e-Learning course. On the job training provided by the Naturalist Staff.

COMMENTS:

This can be a rewarding opportunity to work outside while enhancing your skills, acquiring new ones, and helping to grow something beautiful. Commitments will vary according to the season. Approved for Student Service hours and Family Volunteering.

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.