

Today's Date: _____



FRIENDS OF TRYON CREEK STATE PARK

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Volunteer Application

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Friends of Tryon Creek State Park. There are many opportunities to be involved at the park and with our programs. Please complete this form and we will contact you to discuss how you can become involved.

Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Address: _____ **Apt. #** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

County: _____

Phone #s: Home: (____) _____ **Cell:** (____) _____

Work/Other: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Occupation: _____

How would you prefer to receive information about upcoming opportunities? **Mail** **Email** **Either**

In case of emergency, please notify: _____

Relationship: _____ **Phone #:** (____) _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? **Yes** **No**

If yes, please describe: _____

Please list any medical, physical, or other limitations that could affect your ability and/or availability

to participate as a volunteer: _____

Volunteer Opportunities

Please check as many as you like. The right fit will depend on your interests and availability, as well as the time of year.

Support:

- Nature Center Host:** Tasks include sitting at the front desk to greet visitors and answer questions about the park; answering phones; selling nature store merchandise; helping the staff complete small projects. Four-hour morning and afternoon shifts available. Substitutes also welcome. *Commitment: At least **eight** hours per month.*
- Thursday Work Parties:** Join other volunteers for indoor work parties as needed throughout the year. Projects may include bulk mailings, stuffing envelopes, or preparing craft materials for education classes. Work parties meet from 10am to 1pm on Thursdays.
- Trail Host:** Act as a steward of the park as you hike, run, or ride your horse by providing information to park visitors and informing them of park rules and regulations. *Commitment: At least **ten** hours per month.*
- Nature Store Committee:** Help with the buying, stocking, and maintenance of our nature store. Participate in one inventory day during the year.
- Membership Committee:** Support membership drives, members only events, and public outreach efforts.
- Fundraising Committee:** Help direct and coordinate fundraising efforts and events to meet the Friends' mission and to build capacity within the organization.
- Special Projects:** Share your talents with us or learn new skills as special projects arise throughout the year. Examples include organizing the library, computer support, development of education materials, and graphic design.
Special skills/interests: _____

Education:

- Nature Guide:** Work with education staff to lead K-12 school field trips in the park. We offer trainings twice a year and ongoing learning opportunities. *Commitment: At least **ten** hikes during the school year.*
- Assistant Counselors:** Assist Day Camp staff during June, July, and August in leading groups of children in activities such as crafts, hikes, songs, and storytelling. You must be high school age. Applications are taken during the spring. *Commitment: **Two** one-week sessions.*
- Education Support:** Help out during special education events and adult education programs, such as Earth Day, Tall Tales contest, Girl and Boy Scout Days, and Spooky Night Hike. Tasks may include preparing craft materials, leading a craft booth, or guiding groups to education stations. Training provided.
- Education Committee:** Brainstorm ideas for education programs, events, and policies. Fun events are scheduled throughout the year.

Interpretation:

- Exhibits:** Work with our exhibit designer to help design, build, paint, and install our exhibits that change on an annual basis. We welcome all skill levels.
- Interpretation Support:** Assist with State Park and Friends' interpretation programs, including Sunday at Two lectures, Nature Center and forest art exhibits, and guided hikes in the park. Training provided.

EcoTrails: (Must be able to bend, pull, and lift; anyone under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult)

- Ivy Removal:** Enhance the park by removing invasive species that compete with our native plants and detrimentally impact our trees. Ivy removal days are from 9 to noon every second Saturday of the month and every fourth Saturday from June to December.
- Trail Maintenance:** Join other volunteers as we maintain the trails in the park. Activities may include hauling and spreading gravel, pruning, and minor construction. All volunteers must be at least high school age. Trail maintenance days are from 9 to noon every fourth Saturday from January to May.
- Plantings:** Plant native trees and shrubs to re-establish upland and riparian areas of the Park.
- In-Stream Restoration:** Participate in stream restoration projects, such as checking fish traps, tagging and monitoring local fish populations, installing brush check dams, and adding salmon carcasses to the creek.
- Adopt-A-Plot:** Adopt your own area of the park to remove invasive species. Individuals, groups, and families commit to coming out at least **four to six** times a year; training is provided and you set your own schedule.
- EcoTrails Committee:** Help make decisions to meet our goals for restoration and trail maintenance in the Park.

Events:

Special events take place throughout the year and participation can range on many levels, from working a two or three hour shift the day of the event to taking part on the committee that organizes that event.

- Trillium Festival** (Spring)
- Forest Music** (Summer)
- Let's Go Camping:** Join us in a campout at Milo McIver State Park and share your camping passion and skills. Help run an activity or lead a guided hike.
- Natural Cycles Art in the Forest** (Summer/Fall)
- Wreath Sale/Forest Market** (Fall/Winter)
- General Hospitality:** Work behind the scenes to support volunteers and staff during events, such as organizing food and refreshments.

- Parking:** Help direct traffic in our parking areas during Trillium Festival in the spring and the Forest Music series in the summer. Training provided.

Availability

- Regular basis (please circle availability)
As needed Once a month 2-4x per month Weekly
- Flexible for periodic projects and events
- Short term only
Dates of availability: _____
- Please circle the day(s) of the week you are available:
All · Sun · Mon · Tue · Wed · Thu · Fri · Sat
- Please circle the time(s) of day you are available:
Anytime · Morning · Afternoon · Evening

Additional Comments: _____

Please let us know how you heard about volunteering with the Friends:

Friend Website School Nature Center Media: _____ Other: _____
Source

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with us. We will be in touch with you soon.

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Office Use Only
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____ Entered in Database