

LAKE METROPARKS



volunteers

FALL 2023



Buzz at Bug Day or transform into a spooky character at Halloween Drive-thru! There are several opportunities to volunteer this fall!

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Volunteer Highlight

We'd like to acknowledge volunteer **David Brown**. Dave began his volunteer journey with Lake Metroparks just a little more than a year ago. He has already served more than 160 hours, even though he's only a seasonal volunteer and a snowbird. While Dave was in Florida last winter, he emailed the staff in Volunteer Services to see when he could sign up for camps and fishing again—he couldn't wait to return to volunteering! We really appreciate Dave and all he does for Lake Metroparks and its visitors. From various fishing camps, adapted programs, Farmpark events and popcorn, to helping us man the tent at the Lake County Fair—Dave is a volunteer who really stands out. Thanks, Dave!

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Check out VIC or give us a call to sign up!

Bug Day will be abuzz on September 10, noon to 4 pm at Penitentiary Glen Reservation. This year's focus is on how we can all do our part just like bees in a hive. Volunteers are needed for facepainting, bug netting, crafts, working in the Nature Store and more.

Apple Harvest Weekend (September 23 & 24) and **Corn & Pumpkin Weekend** (October 7 & 8) kick off autumn at Farmpark. Help with apple butter and cider or corn husk dolls and painting pumpkins. Enjoy the Johnny Appleseed Trail or the three-acre corn maze while you're there.

Horsepower Weekend returns to Farmpark on September 30 & October 1. Greet visitors or help with harvest soup or the corny apple bar. Check out antique tractors, draft teams, and muscle cars.

Come on down to **Nature Game Day** at Penitentiary Glen Reservation on October 1, noon to 4 pm. Filled with nature trivia, games, and challenges, there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer for this event.

Youth Volunteers

This fall has many opportunities geared to our youth volunteers. Help a naturalist at a buggy activity station at Bug Day, show off your game show host talents on Nature Game Day, or dress up in costume as an actor for Halloween Drive-Thru at Farmpark. Call us to find out more!



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Autumn Activities

Come check out the **fall art show** at Penitentiary Glen Reservation. *From Whimsy to Wonder* runs August 26 through October 15.

Bring the whole family! The **three-acre corn maze** is back September 1 through October 15 and included in Farmpark admission. September 14 is **Senior Day** at Farmpark 9 am to 5 pm. This event is filled with activities, a guest speaker, Bingo, fishing, demonstrations and free health screenings.

The **Village Peddler Festival** returns under new management this year September 16 & 17 at Farmpark. Come enjoy the music and vendors that make the weekend a hit.

Halloween Drive-Thru 2023

Let's get spooky! Halloween Drive-Thru is right around the corner. Actors and technicians are needed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights throughout the month of October. Actors will be provided with costumes and make up. If you'd rather be behind the scenes, ask to be a tech and help make our spooky sites come to life. Grab your friends or family and sign up together for a memorable night!

If you are an experienced Lake Metroparks volunteer (18 and older) and are interested in helping as a **Volunteer Coordinator** for Halloween Drive-Thru and other events, let us know! Email volunteer@lakemetroparks.com with your inquiry.



Candy Land Gone to the Birds

submitted by Caitlin Ambrose, *Assistant Chief of Interpretive Services*

Candy Land is a game many of us remember from childhood and now it has been brought to life with a natural twist! The life-sized game board takes you on a fun birding adventure through an enchanting display featuring a variety of colorful habitats. Scavenger hunts, a new craft and other activities are fun for the whole family! If you are looking to join in on the fun, please consider volunteering.

Volunteers are needed as craft instructors (11:30 to 4 pm) and campfire/s'mores attendants (11:30 am to 3:30 pm on Saturdays only). Please note that the campfire/s'mores attendant is an outdoor position while the craft instructor is indoors. All placements are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Thank you for your help in making Candy Land a magical experience for visitors!

Dates available:

November 18, 19, 22, 24, 25, 26

December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

January 1

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To help keep our records updated, please send us any changes to your address, telephone numbers or email. Keep in touch! If you would like to receive information from us via email, please forward your email address to volunteer@lakemetroparks.com.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES MISSION

Volunteer Services supports the Lake Metroparks' mission by providing a substantial resource of volunteers to enrich and expand Lake Metroparks services and programs as well as generate goodwill through citizen participation in Lake Metroparks.

THE MISSION OF LAKE METROPARKS

To conserve and preserve the natural resources of Lake County while providing a variety of safe, affordable, and enjoyable educational and recreational programs and activities that enhance the quality of life in Lake County now and for generations to follow.

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