

LAKE METROPARKS



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SPRING 2025



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Calling youth helpers for summer day camps—spend a week or two assisting counselors. If fishing is your forte, we need you on May 10 at Hidden Lake!

## Volunteer Highlight

**Veterinarian Dr. Joseph Doles** has been volunteering with the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center for more than 35 years, assisting with wildlife rehabilitation efforts and overall care of the animal ambassadors that reside there. Aside from supportive care, Dr. Doles has donated many medical supplies to the center. He has also volunteered as a member of the wood cutters group that traces, cuts and packs toy kits for Country Lights Drive-thru and Adapted Build a Toy programs. When his sons were younger, he served as a cub and boy scout leader as well. He is a proficient scuba diver, a trusted family vet and an amazing volunteer all around. Thank you for your dedication over the decades, Dr. Doles!



## Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

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

Branch out with the **Trees for Wildlife** program for first graders in Lake County this March. Training for slideshow presenters and tree mascots will be held February 26, but late sign-ups may still be trained one-on-one after that date. Call us today to schedule.

On March 20, will welcome the spring season at the **Spring Equinox Open House** at Jordan Creek Park. A greeter, fire pit attendant and craft assistants are needed.

We are one bunny costume assistant shy for **Breakfast with the Bunny** on April 18. Hop to it and sign up!

Sniffing out something else to do April 18? **Fun Day Friday** will explore Keen Senses at Penitentiary Glen Reservation. Positions include greeter, s' mores attendant and activity sidekicks.

The **Madhatters Canoe & Kayak Race** returns April 19. We'll need boat loaders, river spotters, chute starters and more.

Don't be sheepish! Call us if you're interested in helping with crafts, looms or carding wool at **Lamb Jam** April 26 and 27.

**Earth Day** is also April 27 at Penitentiary Glen Reservation. Volunteers are needed for greeting, crafts, tree giveaways and various activities.

Experienced fishing volunteers are needed to help with **Arnie's Anglers Kids Fishing Derby** on May 10 at Hidden Lake.

There is one popcorn spot left for **Horsefest** on May 18 at Farmpark and more popcorn help is needed for Railroads in the Park May 31 & June 1.

Keep an eye out for more to come with **The Spring Showdown Lamb & Goat Show** on May 25.

## Youth Volunteers

Are you a senior in high school and interested in wildlife rehabilitation? Ask us about completing your senior project at the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center this spring. Spaces are limited and on a first come, first served basis.

Scheduling for summer camp youth volunteers starts in early April. Youth helpers are needed to assist counselors at various park locations including Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park, Farmpark, Penitentiary Glen Reservation, Jordan Creek Park, Children's Schoolhouse Nature Park and Chapin Forest Reservation. Many of the camps offer field trips as well. Volunteers must be between 12 and 17. Call Volunteer Services at 440-585-3041 x6418 to sign up!

## Hop To It!

There's plenty to do this spring both indoors and out! The **Spring Art Show** runs March 15 through May 11 at Penitentiary Glen Reservation and features the four elements: Earth, Air, Fire and Water. Meet the artists at the reception on March 15, noon to 4 pm.

**Quilts 2025** returns to Farmpark March 28 - April 27. Vendor Days are April 25-27 and will feature demonstrations showcasing tools and techniques.

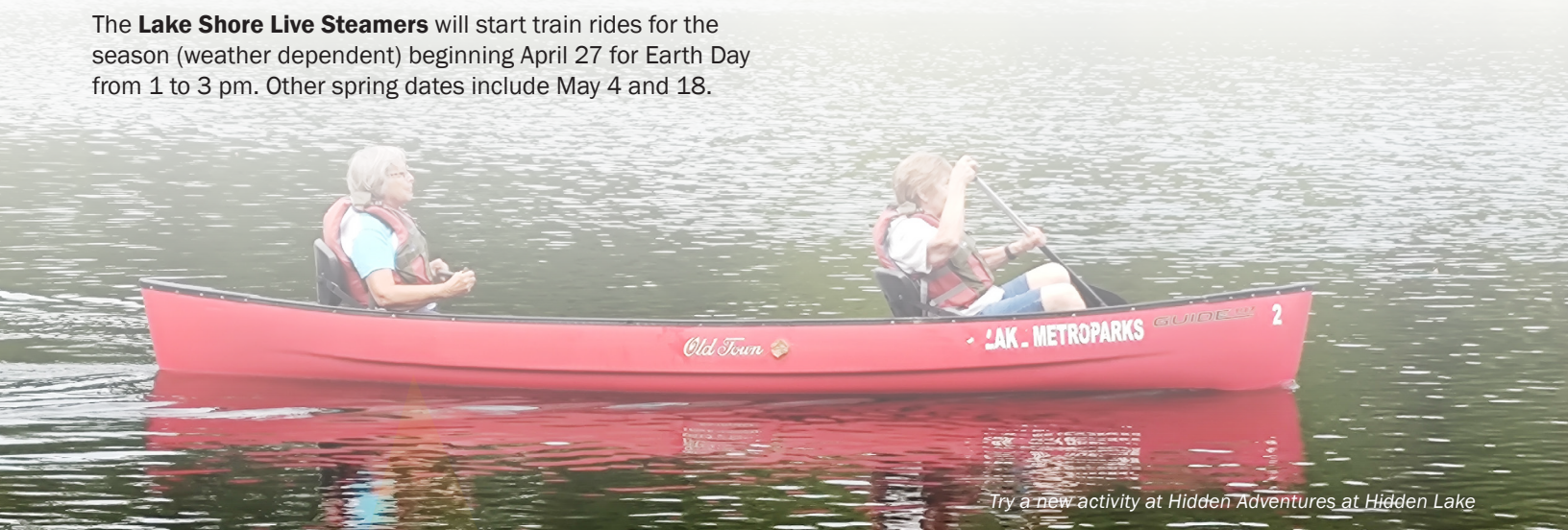
The **Lake Shore Live Steamers** will start train rides for the season (weather dependent) beginning April 27 for Earth Day from 1 to 3 pm. Other spring dates include May 4 and 18.

The **Country Pairing Dinner** at Farmpark takes place on May 16 for those interested in a BBQ dinner, wine and horses. Pre-registration required.

Discover new skills at **Hidden Adventures** on May 18 at Hidden Lake. Learn about the history of the park with trail cart tours. Try canoeing, kayaking, archery, fishing, disc golf, cornhole and more.

## Friendly Reminder

**In the event that you need to cancel on the day of your volunteer assignment** or outside of office hours, please call the facility at which you were to report. The numbers are listed in the Emergency Closings section on VIC, on lakemetroparks.com and in the back of *Parks Plus!*. You may call Volunteer Services Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm to cancel as well.



Try a new activity at Hidden Adventures at Hidden Lake

## Lake Metroparks Volunteer Services

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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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