



**Volunteer Opportunities at
Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation
November 2007 Going Forward!!**

For information on volunteering for any of these programs

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PLEASE NOTE:

**Volunteers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an
Adult who is at least 21 years old.**

**Volunteers working with the Therapeutic Division must be at
Least 18 years old.**

**COACHES NEEDED
SIGN UP NOW!!**

**Basketball: Practice in November, Play December-February
Cheerleading: Practice in August, Play September -November
Positions need to be filled at recreation centers through out
Mecklenburg County, see back page for specifics...**

FEATURED PROJECTS:

GREENVILLE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

1330 Spring Street

Follows CMD Schedule

Hours are 3 pm - 9 pm daily

This After School Program is offered to youth in the community to focus on academics, Recreation, character builder and life skills.

Volunteers should be comfortable working with youth ages 6-13 and be proficient in the subjects of English and Math.

Volunteers will be responsible for tutoring, mentoring, teaching character building exercises, and recreational activities. Also, should be able to go on occasional field trips.

Reoccurring Monthly Projects



Ribbon Walk

Location: RibbonWalk Nature Preserve (4601 Nevin Rd)

Dates: Second Saturday of every month

Times: 10 am - 12 noon

Description: Volunteers help us remove invasive plants (pulling weeds and using loppers and saws on shrubs and vines), keep trails clear from debris, install erosion control brakes (shoveling), lay down woodchips, raking, clean up creeks, streams & ponds, etc. All projects are done outside,

will require physical exertion and are cancelled when raining or in high winds.

Number of volunteers: Flexible but must know ahead of time

Freedom Park

Location: 1900 East Blvd

Dates: Third Saturday of every month

Times: 9 - 12 noon

Description: Volunteers will help remove invasive plants (pulling weeds and using loppers and saws on shrubs and vines), keep trails clear from debris, install erosion control brakes (shoveling), lay down woodchips, raking, clean up creeks, streams & ponds, etc. All projects are done outside, will require physical exertion and are cancelled when raining or in high winds.

Group Projects...You choose the date and time...

Fourth Ward Park

ADOPTION OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE

Date: You Choose

Hours: 9 am - 11 am

Description: Volunteers activities will include; general liter clean up, re-mulching, pruning and removal of small limbs, brush and undergrowth.

VOLUNTEERS IN PARKS (VIP)

Group Projects

You choose the Park, Date and Time

GREAT FOR GROUPS!!

Park and Recreation is trying to keep our parks consistently clean and beautiful. The volunteers would be assisting in that activity, from picking up litter, limbs and other debris; to mulching, pruning, and planting.

Number of Volunteers: 5-10 Preferred Age Group: 16 and up



Therapeutic Recreation Division MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD TO VOLUNTEER

Shinning Star

Location: Bette Rae Thomas Center

Dates: Ongoing Monday and Wednesday

Hours: 10 am - 1:30 pm

Description: This is a program for adults with traumatic brain injury. Volunteers will help with activities which include exercise, gardening, and music.

Pre-K Play Days

Location: Hickory Grove recreation Center

Dates: January - June, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Hours: Noon - 2 pm - 6 pm

Description: This is an after school program for children ages 2-6 with disabilities. Each week we will have activities centered on a child-friendly theme and will spend time singing, moving, playing games, making art, cooking, and more! Volunteers should be willing to work with individuals with disabilities and be available for the entire 4 hour program. Volunteers will preferably be available to assist with the program for at least 3 days within a given month. Volunteer responsibilities include providing 1:1 assistance to children during all activities, supervising game and play periods, preparing and cleaning up activities, and may include assisting children with some personal care.

Fashion House Rocks

Location: Marion Diehl Center

Dates: March 1/8/15/22/29 and April 5

Hours: Noon - 2 pm

Description: This program will teach teens basic design techniques; they will also be making jewelry and other creative items to be worn at the end of the six weeks for a fashion show.

Qualifications (if any) needed by volunteer: Willingness to work with teens/young adults and possibly interest in fashion and simple sewing or designing.

Brief Description of Volunteer Job (include work schedule if appropriate): Assist with setup and hand over hand assistance (if needed) to make crafts, designs, etc. Possibly lead an activity



Individual Opportunities:

Park Ambassadors

Location: All Parks and Greenways

Dates: On Going

Hours: You Decide

Description: On foot or bike, monitor and report on the parks, trails, and greenways. Greet patrons as a representative of the department, must commit to at least 6 months as an ambassador.

Talent Needed!!

Piano Teacher, Ballet Instructor, Self Defense Instructor

Location: Southview Recreation Center

Dates: October going forward

Hours: You decide

COACHING NEEDS:

1. Mallard Creek Recreation Center

2530 Johnston -Oehler Rd 28269

Soccer Ages 5-12 (age brackets in 2 year increments)

Games on Saturdays beginning in September and ending up around the end of October. Times will vary depending upon the final schedule and age group. However between 9am-5pm in general. Games usually last for 1 hour.

Practice day and time will be at the discretion of the coach.

2. First Ward

610 East 7th Street 28202

Basketball coaches ages 4-12 November - Feb

First Ward Rec.

Cheerleading

Practice times depend on coach

Oct 1- Feb. 26, 2008

Ages 9-16

First Ward Recreation Center

Dance

Practice times depend on coach

Start Oct 1st. ongoing

Ages 9-18

First Ward Recreation Center

Drama

Practice times depend on coach

Nov. 1st- ongoing

Ages 9-18

First Ward Recreation Center

Modeling

Practice times depend on coach

Nov. 1- ongoing

Ages 9-18

3. St. Paul

1401 Allan Street 28205

Cheerleader Coach:

Tuesday 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Start: Nov.6-Feb 26, 2008

Ages: 9-16

4. Greenville Recreation Center

1330 Springs Street

Malcolm Sanders (704)353-0216 or (704) 336-3367

COACHES Need

Basketball & Cheerleading Girls and Boys

Ages 5-12

Tuesday-Friday (6pm - 8pm) - starting November -February

Games on Saturdays

Game time: Between 9:00-5:00

5. Amay James Rec.

2425 Lester St 28209

Contact: Terence McMurray (704) 336-3053

Sport: Youth Basketball & Cheerleading (ages: 5-14)

Practice: Mon. - Thur. (begins Nov. 1 to mid Feb.)

Games: Saturdays

6. Merry Oaks

3508 Draper Ave 28205

Soccer: Practice Tuesday's 6:00pm-7:00pm games 1 weekday evening

Basketball: Practice 1 weekday evening, games Saturday mornings

7. Oaklawn Recreation Center

1920 Stroud Park Court - 28206

Cheer Leading Coach

Youth Basketball

Ages 4 - 12

The games will begin on Saturdays late November or Early December. The game times will vary depending on the age bracket. The games last normally an hour in length and are played between 9 am and 5 pm.

8. Naomi Drenan Recreation Center

950 Beal St 28211

704.365.1265

Basketball Coaches for all ages 4-16 boys/girls

Practices once a week (TBD) starting in Nov., Games on Saturdays starting in Dec. (TBA)

Cheer Coach Basketball Fall Practices (Nov.) (TBD), Games on Sat in Dec. (TBA).

10. Tuckaseegee Recreation Center

4820 Tuckaseegee Rd 28208

(2)Co-ed Soccer Position

Practice Times & Days are up to the Volunteer Coaches. Games are on Saturday

11. Southview

1720 Vilma St 28208

3 basketball coaches for ages 7-12.

Practice days will be M-TH 5:30-8p.

Games usually on Saturday

12. Shamrock Gardens

3301 Country Club Rd 28205

Basketball and cheerleading, head coaches or assistants

Registration starts Oct, 1, 2007. I

10 teams

Practices Mon-Thurs so coaches will have Friday off.

Ages for basketball teams include: 4-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, and 17-18

Cheerleading ages will be 4-12

Natural Resources Division

Locations: Latta Plantation Nature Center

McDowell Nature Center

Reedy Creek Nature Center

Dates: *On Going* Times: *Vary*

Animal Care: Assist with routine maintenance and feeding of Nature Center Animals

Native Plant Gardening: Assist with the wildlife habitat gardens.

Programming: Present programs on local biodiversity and natural heritage.

Traveling Exhibits: Assist us in presenting at local festivals and off-site programs.

*Administration: Assist with routine operations including gift shop sales,
Answering phones and Greeting visitors.*

Litter Prevention: Assist us in keeping our grounds clean and pollution free.

****Because of the time investment in training, volunteers are asked to be able to commit at least 6 months of service.**

****Volunteers under sixteen years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian**

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!!!