

DO SOMETHING GREAT

VOLUNTEER at IRVINE



IRVINE'S MISSION

Irvine is an environmental education organization. Our mission is to educate and inspire current and future generations to explore, respect and protect nature.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

Volunteers are an essential part of Irvine's operations; your efforts support the staff, wildlife, the community, and help us carry out our mission. Share your enthusiasm and appreciation of the environment

with children, increase your own knowledge of the natural world, spend time outside and meet people with similar interests. You can make a difference! Get involved in your community and share your talents with others!

Join us at Irvine and volunteer today! To become a volunteer, please contact Ben Fertig at 443-738-9240 or FertigB@ExploreNature.org.

Please visit www.ExploreNature.org to obtain an application.

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING AT IRVINE

- **Discount in the Nature Store**
Active volunteers receive a 10% discount in Irvine's store, which carries snacks, birdseed, and many sustainable items and gifts.
- **Volunteer of the Month Parking Spot**
Each month a different volunteer is named the "volunteer of the month." This person has access to the reserved spot, located in front of the building.
- **Volunteer Newsletter**
This newsletter lists upcoming opportunities, showcases volunteer projects and give important information about trainings, events, etc.
- **Learning Opportunities**
Each active volunteer is invited to ongoing natural history and environmental enrichment opportunities.
- **Membership Discounts**
Each volunteer that has reached 50 or more hours of service in a calendar year will receive a complimentary Irvine membership for the following year.
- **Volunteer Name Tag**
Each active volunteer receives a custom name tag.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Animal Care Volunteer

Animal care volunteers assist the animal care coordinator with day to day-to-day care of live animals.

Naturalist Intern

Interns will be trained to implement science-based lesson plans and will learn local natural history, trailside activities and teaching techniques.

Volunteer Naturalist

After proper training, volunteer naturalists will assist with the preparation and leading of school field trips and outreach programs to schools for students ages 3-16.

Early Childhood Education Assistant

Volunteers in early childhood education serve as teaching helpers to create a safe, calm environment for outdoor learning.

Special Event Volunteer

Volunteers will assist Irvine staff with preparation and execution of annual Center events and programs such as: Pumpkins on the Green, Pumpkinfest, Kids Unplugged, Member and Volunteer Picnic, etc.

Trail & Garden Maintenance

Volunteers will assist Irvine staff with the maintenance and upkeep of gardens, trails and general maintenance.

Nature Preschool Assistants

Volunteers in The Nature Preschool serve as teaching aides to help facilitate nature-based play in a safe, calm learning environment.

"I DEVOTE MY TIME TO INTERACTING WITH THE CHILDREN IN THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BECAUSE IT GIVES THEM A SENSE OF THE INTERCONNECTEDNESS OF EVERYTHING IN THE UNIVERSE."

– Malcolm Gee, Volunteer Naturalist

GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for a hands-on activity for your office, club or group? We have many opportunities based on your time, talent, and group size. For more information on opportunities that may be available, contact Ben Fertig at FertigB@ExploreNature.org.



There is something
for everyone,
volunteer ages
range from
16-90!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES **STUDENT VOLUNTEERS** (must be at least 16 years old)

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Youth Program Leader (summer only)

Volunteers age 14 and older are needed to serve as youth program leader for Irvine's Summer Nature Camp programs.

Junior Trail and Gardens (summer only)

Volunteers ages 14 and 15 are needed to assist with trail and garden maintenance.

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STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

Irvine offers volunteer internship opportunities. Opportunities vary by department.

For more information on opportunities that may be available here at Irvine please email FertigB@ExploreNature.org or visit www.ExploreNature.org

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

If you need hours to fulfill a school, club, organization or association requirement please email FertigB@ExploreNature.org or visit www.ExploreNature.org.

**"EVERY TIME I COME TO
VOLUNTEER AT IRVINE, I FEEL
APPRECIATED BY THE STAFF.
THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING
GOING ON SO I GET TO MEET
A LOT OF NEW PEOPLE AND
LEARN SO MANY NEW THINGS!"**

— Charles Franklin, Stevenson University



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