

# Why become a York County Parks volunteer?

According to the National Recreation and Park Association there are four major benefits of creating an association with Parks:



## **Individual benefits**

- Improves academic performance
- Better health
- Immediate stress reduction
- Increased self esteem and confidence

## **Community Benefits**

- Builds stronger communities
- Connects families

## **Economic benefits**

- Increases property values
- Reduces health care and insurance costs
- Reduces employee absenteeism

## **Environmental benefits**

- Preserves natural habitat
- Controls air, water and soil quality
- Provides accessible place to enjoy nature



## **Mission Statement:**

York County Parks & Recreation enhances the quality of community life acting as a steward for the environment. In this capacity, it acquires, conserves and manages park lands and offers a variety of recreational and educational opportunities.

## **Volunteer Opportunities:**

York County Parks system is comprised of over 4,300 areas in 11 parks, which provides a variety of opportunities that engage volunteers in meaningful service furthering the mission. Since the department was established in 1968 when County Commission P. Joseph Raab recognized the need for the preservation of open space and recreational areas for York County residents to enjoy, the volunteer program has grown exponentially.

## **Administrative Headquarters:**

Adjacent to John Rudy County Park  
400 Mundis Race Road  
York, PA 17406-9721  
Phone: 717-840-7440  
Fax: 717-840-7403

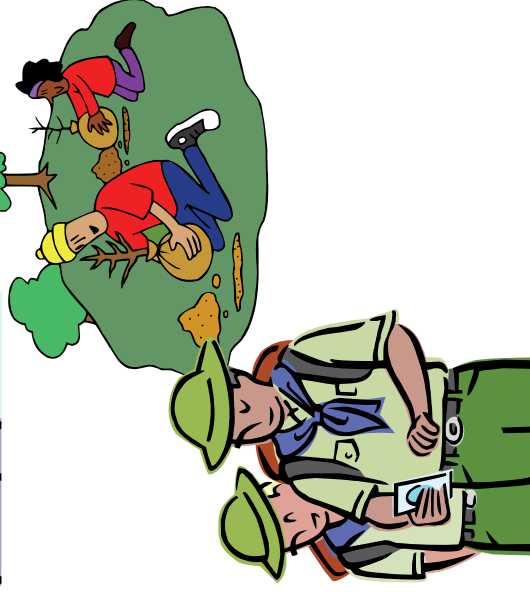
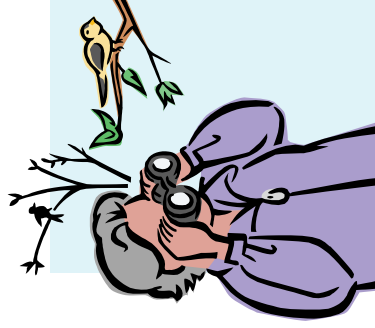
## **York County Parks Online:**

[www.yorkcountyparks.org](http://www.yorkcountyparks.org)  
**Email: [parks@york-county.org](mailto:parks@york-county.org)**



“In accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act, those individuals needing accommodations for access within the York County Parks, please call the County of York at (717-) 771-4773”

# York County Parks Volunteer Opportunities



Put your knowledge and skills to work.  
Make a difference in your community  
and the environment!

# Volunteer Opportunities

inspire, teach and involve!



## Front Desk at Nixon County Park:

These volunteers ensure that visitors' experiences at Nixon Park are positive. Use your enthusiasm for the environment to greet and assist guests, answer phones and complete other duties as assigned by staff. (training provided)

## Maintenance:

Share your project, construction and outdoor skills! With many miles of trails, parking lots, and bird feeders at Nixon Park there is always work to be done.

## Adopt-a-Trail:

With an many visitors a year trail work is a never ending process. Adopt a section of trail at one of the 11 parks and work to keep the trail passable for visitors.

## Garden:

Use your gardening and weeding skills to help maintain the gardens throughout the parks. Work to fight invasive species and keep the gardens looking nice and natural.

## Community Groups:

There are a plethora of opportunities for clubs, school groups, etc. Scouts can even complete their Eagle Scout or Golden Award, or just learn about volunteering. Contact park headquarters for more information.

## Fox Storytime:

Combine your love of children and nature by reading stories to preschool children on a field trip to Nixon Park. Choose from books and puppets at Nixon to engage young children in a hands on learning experiences. (training provided)

## Volunteer Naturalist:

Do you enjoy passing on your love and knowledge of the outdoors to others? Help lead groups of students grades K-12 on hikes, water studies, or lead a public program. (training provided)

## Special Events/Projects:

There are many special events throughout the year. Including: Feederwatch, Bluebird trail monitoring, Christmas Magic, Maple Sugar Fest, Rock and Mineral Weekend, Reptile Week, Dino Weekend, Park Ambassador.

## Friends Groups:

- Are you a history buff?
- A dog lover?
- A train connoisseur?
- Check out a friends group.
- Friends of Wallace-Cross Mill
- Friends of the Heritage Rail Trail
- Friends of Canine Meadow



## Internships/Practicum's:

There are a variety of internships and practicum's available. These positions may be paid or unpaid. Contact park headquarters for more information.



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Circle:    Adult            Group            Senior

Student (14 to 21)    Youth (12-13 Adult supervision required)

Contact me about the areas checked below!

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- Maintenance
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