

Volunteer Opportunities



Come Join The Fun!

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Do you enjoy nature, the environment and sharing with others?

If so, the Chattahoochee Nature Center wants you to become part of our volunteer team!

Volunteers are needed to help with many educational activities that make the Nature Center one of the south-east's premier environmental education facilities.

CNC Volunteers Receive:

- ◆ An opportunity to learn and share knowledge about Georgia's natural habitat with others.
- ◆ A chance to attend Continuing Education classes.
- ◆ An opportunity to meet other people with the same interests.
- ◆ An opportunity to earn rewards, based on volunteer hours.

To become a volunteer contact our volunteer department at 770-992-2055 ext. 223 or send an email to volunteercoordinator@chattnaturecenter.com.

The Chattahoochee Nature Center is a private, non-profit organization funded by donations, grants, memberships, and program fees. Our mission is to provide unique learning experiences focused on the Chattahoochee River that connect all people to the natural world and empower them to positively impact their local environments.



How to begin the volunteer process

Please complete a CNC volunteer enrollment form. The volunteer brochure positions will match those found on the volunteer enrollment form. You may select various departments and volunteer opportunities but please remember to rank them in order of your area of interest. Volunteer placement is decided based on your area of interest and your availability. Please note that most of the departments do require a basic orientation class for their volunteers that occurs at set times throughout the year.

Once the form has been completed and returned to the Nature Center, you will be contacted by a CNC department manager or sent a list of orientation dates and times. You also will be given the appropriate department manager's name to contact if you have additional questions or want to sign up for an orientation session.

Once you complete the required orientation class, the department manager will discuss the next steps including any additional training. They will also discuss your availability and future scheduling.

Camp Kingfisher - (Teen Opportunity)

Camp Naturalist & Leadership Training Program (LIT) for students entering 10th -12th grade

- ◆ Develop leadership skills.
- ◆ Increase your knowledge of the natural world.
- ◆ Enhance your ability to work in a team.
- ◆ Assist camp naturalists in supervising and teaching campers.

Please visit the Nature Center's website - www.chattnaturecenter.com—to obtain an LIT application. The application can be found by selecting the Camp Kingfisher option from the website's main page. You may also contact our camp office at 770-992-2055 ext. 232 for more information.

Environmental Education

Program Instructors

There are many opportunities to volunteer with children in environmental education programs. School field studies and preschool programs are scheduled in the morning, Monday– Friday. Volunteer naturalists lead structured programs that have been developed by CNC naturalists and based on state education standards.

Docents

CNC is a favorite place for casual visitors who want to learn more about the natural world. Docents are trained volunteers who share their knowledge and enthusiasm about exhibits, gardens, trails, and non-releasable wildlife by greeting visitors, answering questions, conducting animal presentations, and leading weekend hikes.

Support Systems

For volunteers who have special interests or office skills, the Education Department always welcomes assistance in these areas:

- ◆ Photography/video-taping
- ◆ Photo collecting and sorting
- ◆ Data entry, research, and information compilation
- ◆ Word processing and brochure design
- ◆ Customer service/phone calls and surveys
- ◆ Bulk mailings
- ◆ Assistance in the scheduling office
- ◆ Kiosk & bulletin board creation & maintenance
- ◆ Biofact cleaning and repair

Please Note: To become an Education Department volunteer, you must be able to attend a one-time volunteer orientation. Orientations will be held three times each year. They will be on a Saturday in February, June, and September. Once your application is received, you will be contacted or sent a list regarding the upcoming dates and times.



Horticulture

Do you enjoy gardening? If so, the horticulture department is the place for you. Work inside the greenhouse or in one of our native plant gardens. Shifts available weekdays only.

Please Note: To become a horticulture volunteer, you must be able to attend a one time volunteer orientation. Orientations will be held once a month. Once your application is received, you will be contacted or sent a list regarding the upcoming dates and times.

Administration

Help with our day-to-day operations. Volunteers answer phones, assist with mailings, filing, and other odd jobs. Administrative opportunities available in various departments including the front desk in the main offices, our scheduling office and education offices, and in our development offices. Weekdays only, based on volunteer and project availability.

Special Events



Have you ever thought of being a special event volunteer. We need people to help with parking, arts and crafts, and a variety of other duties for all of our exciting and fun special events.

These include the Possum Trot 10K Road Race, the Butterfly Festival, Halloween Hikes, and many more. Special events are one time commitments.



Wildlife

Wildlife volunteers assist with the care and feeding of wildlife on exhibit and in the wildlife facility. Training is available on an individual basis. (Direct handling of the animals is allowed only with proper training.) Various days and times are available. All shifts must be a minimum of four hours per day.



All volunteers for wildlife must be 18 years old or older. All wildlife volunteers must have a current tetanus shot on file or be willing to get one if necessary.

Please Note: Wildlife is our most requested volunteer area. We do have a wait list for most volunteer time slots. If you submit a volunteer form for this area only, you may be notified that you have been waitlisted. Please decide when filling out your volunteer enrollment form if you would like to try volunteering in any of our other areas and if so list them as additional choices. There is no guarantee that you will be able to transfer into wildlife even after you have become a volunteer in another department.

Group Projects

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.

Monday-Saturday projects are available. Whole, 1/2 and multiple day projects are available.

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