

3. **Hunter and Boating Education Instructors:** Volunteers need to take the respective certified training class. The instructor will commit to participate in at least two HE classes or in one BE class.

4. **Special Projects:** This category is special for Boy and Girl Scouts. If an individual or Troop needs to do special projects, the Nature Center is the place for it.

**Yes,
I want to be a volunteer!**

(Please chose the category(ies) you will like to participate in and send back your personal information.)

Personal Information

Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number _____

Work phone Number _____

E-Mail address: _____

Days and hours available to work:

Sun Hours: _____

Mon Hours: _____

Tue Hours: _____

Wed Hours: _____

Thu Hours: _____

Fri Hours: _____



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Volunteer



Join Us!

Whatever your special talent or interest, there's a place for you at the Governor Mike Huckabee Delta Rivers Nature Center! We are busy year-round with special programs: Quilting Show, Summer Plant Sale, Boo on the Bayou, or Christmas for the Birds! Spring and fall are our busiest seasons with school groups coming through the nature center. Volunteers do everything from presenting educational programs to maintaining the grounds; from organizing special events to helping with behind-the-scene preparations. You decide how much time you can give.

But volunteers are not always working. We meet quarterly for luncheon followed by interesting speakers or for occasional field trips. We have workshops and informal get-togethers during the year and provide educational and enrichment opportunities for our members. Our volunteer opportunities include leadership positions that encourage personal growth. Volunteers make new friends, increase their natural history knowledge, programming skills, and develop their own creative talents.

Volunteer Categories and General Descriptions

Our volunteering program is divided in four different categories. Some volunteers choose one as their main volunteer effort; others may volunteer in multiple categories a year.



1. **Educational Programs** : Volunteers must commit to attending most of the Educational Programs training sessions (5), submit to a background check, and to volunteer at least three hours a week in Spring and Fall for the first year.

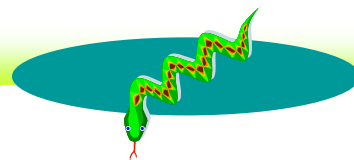
□ **Educational group presenter:** Volunteers present educational hands-on programs to visiting school groups or general public using live animals and objects from the nature center's education collection.



□ **Educational program assistant:** Assists with behind-the-scenes preparations and leading large school groups (get together the educational materials, animals, set up the MPR, etc.)

□ **Exploration station cars:** Interact with visitors and provide information on natural history topics! Cart topics include both live animal displays as well as non-living presentations such as skins or skeletons.

2. **Office, exhibits, and grounds maintenance:** This category does required one 3-hour training session with a staff member.



□ **Special event assistant:** Volunteers assist with planning and setting up special events at the nature center.

□ **Clerical:** Volunteers assist with correspondence, files, newsletters, scrapbooking, etc.

□ **Aquarium technician:** Volunteers assist with the maintenance of the aquariums, cleaning filters, windows, and gold fish tanks.

□ **Native plant technician:** Have fun digging in the dirt and learning about native plants, how to propagate, take care, and grow them. Appreciate them during the different seasons. Volunteers maintain the greenhouse and the native plant gardens through weeding, watering, mulching, deadheading spent flowers, and planting.

□ **Herbarium technician:** If you like native plants, and want to learn how to ID them using keys, you will love volunteering with the herbarium. Volunteers assist collecting, pressing, displaying, and organizing native plants for the nature center herbarium.

□ **Trail maintenance:** If you love walking into the woods, appreciate nature, and exercise, you could help maintain the trails. Volunteers maintain the trails by blowing the leaves, trimming, trail work, and pick up litter.



□ **Watchable wildlife caretaker:** Volunteers maintain the watchable wildlife area by filling and cleaning the birdfeeders, deer feeders, and pond.

□ **Animal caretaker** (age 18+): Volunteers assist with daily care and maintenance of native reptiles and amphibians.