



Seed Harvest Volunteer

Position Description

Purpose of Volunteer Service: To assist the restoration staff in collection of native plant seeds, which will be used to reestablish native plant communities in the forest preserves.

Supervisors: Restoration Ecologist, Volunteer Coordinator

Typical Assignment: Use hand tools to harvest woodland, prairie or wetland seeds at preserves throughout the county.

Qualifications/Skills:

- Ability to walk through the preserves collecting seeds in buckets and/or shoulder bags.
- Flexibility and ability to adapt to changing weather conditions and schedules.
- Interest in learning about the natural areas, plants and animals.
- Ability to work as a team with other volunteers and staff.
- Have transportation to preserves throughout the county.



Expectations:

- Commit to one Seed Harvest season, during the fall months of September through November and summer months of June through August. Seed Harvests are held each Wednesday and one Saturday a month.
- Assist with the sorting, weighing and placing of seeds into seed mixes.
- Become familiar with the District's restoration efforts and be able to share this knowledge with the general public.
- Represent the District in a warm and professional manner.
- Provide ideas and suggestions for improvement of the volunteer program and/or your volunteer position.

Training:

Volunteers are required to attend the *Orientation to the District and Kane County* and will receive hands-on training at each Seed Harvest. Additional educational classes are listed in the quarterly newsletter, *The Tree Line*, which can be viewed online at <http://www.kaneforest.com/publications/treeLine.pdf> . Continuing education sessions specifically for volunteers are offered throughout the year as time permits.