



Workday Volunteer

Position Description

Purpose of Volunteer Service: To assist the site Steward with efforts to restore and protect native ecosystems.

Supervisors: Site Steward, Restoration Ecologist, Volunteer Coordinator

Typical Assignment: To cut brush, build burn piles, pull herbaceous weeds, harvest seed and perform other tasks during restoration workdays.

Qualifications/Skills:

- Ability to perform physical activities, such as brush cutting, hauling branches, etc.
- 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.

Expectations:

- Attend a monthly 2-3 hour workday at a local preserve.
- Become familiar with the District's restoration efforts and be able to share this knowledge with the general public.
- Represent the Forest Preserve District of Kane County 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 to learn restoration techniques. 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.

