

VOLUNTEER

NEWSLETTER

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CHRONOLOG INSTALLATION AT LINE HILL MOUND AREA

Now's your chance to help us record the ever-changing landscapes within our park! The Line Hill Meadow Restoration Project consists of an 8.5-acre old field overrun with non-native invasive plants like Autumn Olive, Bush Honeysuckle, and Callery Pear. The invasive plants have been removed and the site will be seeded with native prairie and grassland species. Help document the changes as this overgrown field is restored to a native meadow using our new Chronolog stand!

Changes in our environment are difficult to see and understand because they happen gradually, but long-term monitoring projects are expensive and complex. Chronolog solves this problem by connecting communities with land stewards to create crowd-sourced time lapses of important natural areas.

To take part in this citizen science project all you need to do is visit the Chronolog station at Line Hill and follow the instructions on the attached signed. To see the prairie progress visit Chronolog.io/map



TRAIL AMBASSADOR UPDATES

Looking for new trails to explore? The following parks haven't seen many Ambassadors!

To Join the Trail Ambassador program email us at volunteering@yourmetroparks.net

- Indian Creek MetroPark (Hike)
- Salamander Run MetroPark (Hike)
- Voice of America MetroPark (Hike)
- Antenen Nature Preserve - Four Mile Creek MetroPark (Hike)
- Great Miami River Trail (Hike/Bike)
- Line Hill Mound Area- Rentschler Forest MetroPark (Hike)

Share your volunteer story!

Do you have a story or message from a volunteer experience? We want to hear about it! Your stories, will be featured in the monthly newsletter. So everyone will get a chance to see all the different projects going on in the MetroParks! To submit a story, messages and any photos you want to share send them to volunteering@yourmetroparks.net

STAY UP TO DATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR PARKS ON FACEBOOK!

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY

To register and see other events sign in to your MyImpact Account

Discovery on the Farm Series

Join the programming staff at Chrisholm Historic Farmstead for our regular Discovery on the Farm series. Volunteers will work with staff to set up the program activities, support participants with crafts, and clean up.

- February 8 - 9:30am-11:30am
Chrisholm MetroPark
- February 22 - 9:30am-11:30am
Chrisholm MetroPark

Owl Prowl

We are looking for volunteers to act as sweeps and follow behind the group and keep it from getting too spread out. Volunteers will also be provided with red lights to help spot owls along with staff. This is open to volunteers 18 and up

- February 6 - 6:00pm-7:30pm
Harbin Park
- February 9 - 6:00pm-8:00pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark
- February 17 - 6:00pm-8:00pm
Governor Bebb MetroPark

Chopportunities - Invasive Species Removal

Join MetroParks staff as we meet to continuously work on beating back the invasive species in our parks making room for natives to thrive

- February 6 - 9:30am-11:30am
Forest Run MetroPark
- February 13 - 9:30am-11:30am
Green Heron MetroPark
- February 27 - 9:30am-11:30am
Elk Creek MetroPark

Magic of Maple

Experience your MetroParks after dark on a night hike as we reveal the magic maples use to create their liquid treasure as we follow the journey of maple syrup from tap to table.

- February 14 - 6:30pm-8:30pm
Rentschler Forest MetroPark

Farm Helper Orientation

Looking for a new way to get involved with the parks, curious about what it takes to raise farm animals? Meet with Metroparks staff for a monthly orientation of our Farm Animal Care program. See what it takes to work with the farm animals living at Chrisholm Historic Farmstead!

- **February 16th, 3:30pm-4:30pm**
Chrisholm MetroPark

Community Service Day - Litter Cleanup

Join the MetroParks as we take advantage of the low water levels in the wetlands at Gilmore MetroPark to collect as much litter throughout the park as possible! Gilmore is a critical destination for a wide variety of bird species and litter reduction helps make it a safe space for native animals to thrive.

- February 17 9:00am-12:00pm
Gilmore MetroPark

TAPs Hiking Monitor Orientation

Looking for a new way to volunteer, get some exercise, and explore nature? Join us for our monthly Trail Ambassador Program Hiking Monitor meeting. This hour-long meeting is meant to introduce potential new volunteers to TAPs as we take a hike through one of our parks and go over the responsibilities of a Hiking Monitor!

- February 9th - 10:00am-11:00am
Indian Creek MetroPark

[**SIGN UP HERE!**](#)

THE MISSION OF THE METROPARKS OF BUTLER COUNTY IS TO PROVIDE A SUPERIOR PARK SYSTEM THAT MAXIMIZES THE COMMUNITY'S QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND RECREATION.



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