# **AUGUST**



2024

#### **CALLING ALL FARM VOLUNTEERS!**

Calling all Farm Volunteers on August 24th as we host our annual Fun on the Farm at Chrisholm Celebrate historic farm life and discover Butler County's thriving farming communities of today at Fun on the Farm. Shop local vendors, see interactive homesteading demonstrations like blacksmithing, beekeeping, foraging, and much more. Tour the Augspurger House with the Friends of Chrisholm and learn about the unique history of this special 1800's farmstead. Visit MetroParks' superstar farm animal ambassadors as well as special guest animals from around the area, take a wagon ride, and much more!

We're looking for volunteers to help with a variety of different tasks across the farm. For more details on the day of, or if you're interested in helping behind the scenes see details below!





### 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

- Sebald Park Elk Creek MetroPark
- Antennen Nature Preserve Four Mile Creek MetroPark
- Line Hill Mound MetroPark
- Salamander Run MetroPark

# Share you volunteer story!

Do you if 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 AUGUST**

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#### **Nature Exploreers**

What better way to enjoy mid-summer than with fun programs in YOUR MetroParksParks! Join us on Friday mornings and explore a different park each week. Creek with Butler Soil & Water educator Lynn White, meet MetroParks' program animals, learn more about plants, and explore art in the parks.

• August 2nd - 9:00am-11:30am Rentchler Forest MetroPark

#### Middletown Early Education Fun Fair

Join MetroParks staff at the Community **Gardens at The Sonny Hill Community Center** in Middletown as they participate in the It's time for the annual PRC Early Education Fun Fair! Bring your families out to the Robert "Sonny" Hill Community Center for food, games, and activities. The chance for you to learn about early education opportunities for your little ones

 August 2nd - 4:00pm-7:00pm **Robert Sonny Hill Jr Community Center** 

#### **Tuesday Hound Hike**

Join us for a tail-wagging, paw pattering hound hike. Bring your canine friend for a fun, stress-free walk at different parks throughout the summer. We are looking for volunteers to provide general support, assist with the setup, and teardown of the event, and serve as sweeps during the hike. Volunteers are welcome to bring their own dogs as well!

 August 6th - 6:30pm-8:00pm Forest Run 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!** 

 August 9th - 10:00am-11:00am Salamander Run MetroPark

#### **Summer Scavenger Hunt**

It's time to peruse the parks! Bring your best observational skills and we'll supply the clues for this self-guided scavenger hunt. Explore the park at your own pace and make new discoveries along the way. Any adventurer who returns a completed scavenger hunt to the starting area will receive a prize. Volunteers will support MetroParks staff in the setting up of supplies and activity stations and interacting with program participants.

- August 10 11:00am-3:30pm Forest Run MetroPark
- August 17 11:00-3:30pm Rentschler Forest MetroPark

#### **Program Preperation: Fun on the Farm**

As we start getting things together for our annual Fun on the Farm Event we could use your help in our preparation. Join MetroParks staff as we get things staged for the event preparing crafts, assembling activity station, and more!

- August 15 10:00am-12:00pm Chrisholm MetroPark
- August 20 10:00am-12:00pm **Chrisholm MetroPark**
- August 27- 2:00pm-4:00pm Chrisholm MetroPark

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#### **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!

 August 16 - 3:30pm-4:30pm Chrisholm 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

- August 6 9:30am-11:30am Forest Run MetroPark
- August 13 9:30am-11:30am Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- August 15 9:30am-11:30am Rentschler Forest MetroPark
- August 20 9:30am-11:30am **Green Heron MetroPark**
- August 22 9:30am-11:30am Green Heron MetroPark
- July 27 9:30am-11:30am Elk Creek MetroPark
- July 29 9:30am-11:30am Elk Creek MetroPark



#### **Fun on the Farm**

We are looking for Volunteers to support one of our largest Special Events Fun on The Farm! Volunteers can choose between multiple shifts or work the full event.

There are three primary roles we are looking for Volunteers to help with

Farm CareTakers - These volunteers have already received training as Farm CareTakers and are there to share with and educate the public on the animals that currently reside at the farm

Programming Support - As a Programming Support Volunteer your role is to provide support for the Programming Staff scattered around the farm at different activity stations Parking/Check-in - General Support Volunteers can take on various roles, from parking support to setup, tear down, and more!

• August 24 - 11:00am-4:30pm **Chrisholm MetroPark** 



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