## OLUNTEER NEWSLETTER **SEPTEMBER 2023**

### **VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: BADIN HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE PROGRAM**

Throughout the month of August, a group of five students from Badin High School have come out every week to volunteer with us. Clearing invasive species from Forest Run MetroPark - Timberman Ridge. During their service hours, they've removed one and a half acres of teasel and joined in on the Community Service Day to help clear just shy of an acre of Honey Suckle.

Badin High School requires their students who are about to begin their junior year to partner with a local non-profit or government agency for at least 20 hours of service between Summer and the following Spring. The hope is that they will build relationships during this time--learning about the organization they've selected and how it works, and also making connections with those they serve, either directly or indirectly.

Do you have a volunteer story you want to tell? Share it with us at volunteering@yourmetroparks.net





#### 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

- Elk Creek MetroPark Meadow Ridge (Bike)
- Voice of America MetroPark (Bike and Hike)
- Governor Bebb MetroPark (Hike)
- Indian Creek MetroPark (Hike)
- Salamander Run MetroPark (Hike)
- Four Mile Creek MetroPark (Hike)
- Miami Woods (Hike)

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

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### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEPTEMBER**

To reigster and see other events sign in to your MyImpact Account!

### **Clean Sweep of The Great Miami River:**

This annual volunteer event is organized by several government and nonprofit groups focused on removing trash and restoring the health of the Great Miami River.

<u>Sept 16th, Great Miami River Trail - Miami</u> <u>Trailhead - 4401 N. Verity Parkway, Middletown</u> <u>OH, 45042</u>

Fun on the Farm: Experience life and activities away from the city and down on the farm at this year's Fun on the Farm - the old-fashioned way!
Enjoy a Meet and greet with the animals, crafts, hayride, tours of the 1874 Amish-Mennonite
Augspurger Home, and MORE!
Volunteers can choose between multiple shifts or work the full event.

<u>Sept 17th, Chrisholm MetroPark - Chrisholm</u> <u>Historic Farmstead</u> Community Service Day: Join the MetroParks in celebrating National Public Lands Day with a trail maintenance project as we clear overgrown trails, cut back invasives, and put in new trail markers!

Sept 23rd, Miami Woods Park

Pioneer Life: Step back in time to the early 1800s and witness the life of early Pioneers. Visit with interpreters dressed in traditional attire, experience the life of a blacksmith, sample pioneer cooking, and more!

Volunteers can choose between multiple shifts or work the full event. <u>September 30th, Governor Bebb</u> <u>MetroPark - Pioneer Village</u>

**SIGN UP HERE!** 

### **CALLING ALL FARM HANDS**

Interested in learning how to work with farm animals, Or just interested in a new way to volunteer? We are always looking for volunteers to join our Farm Helper and Farm Caretaker teams. Volunteers will start working with staff and with enough time be allowed to work with the animals alone if they are comfortable. This is a pre-scheduled volunteer opportunity that requires volunteers to spend 1-3 hours at the farm. Dates are flexible. If interested please send an email to. volunteering@yourmetroparks.net



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