

# Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve!

Preserve volunteers have dedicated over 2,500 hours of their time towards our mission of preserving natural resources through **access and education**.

Whether you like teaching children, learning about wildlife, interacting with the public, or getting your hands dirty, we most likely have a volunteer opportunity for you!



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

## NATURE WALKS

Bi-weekly guided nature walks on Tuesday and Saturday mornings with a different topic each week. Volunteers help staff greet participants, answer questions, hand out binoculars, and ensure safety of the group during the walk.

## GROWING UP WILD

Toddler program for ages 3 to 6 year olds that takes place on Monday. The program helps make connections to nature with hands-on science exploration. Volunteers help assist staff with indoor/outdoor activities, answer questions, help with set up and clean up.

## FIELD TRIPS

Offer a variety of school programs designed for students in pre-K through college. Field trips are typically 3 hours in length with up to 75 students. Students will be split up into smaller groups and rotate between different hands-on stations. Volunteers will shadow then lead stations.

## NATURE CAMPS

Camps take place a few times throughout the year, with the majority in the summer. Camps are typically 2.5-3 hours long on weekdays. Volunteers will assist with hands-on indoor/outdoor activities, crafts, and games.



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

## HOMESCHOOL DAYS:

Monthly program offered on weekdays for homeschool students ages 7 to 13. Programs topics vary and are typically two hours in length. Volunteers help assist staff with indoor/outdoor activities, answer questions, help with set up and clean up.

## TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Help the maintenace team with maintaining the trails, pulling weeds, put new mulch in beds, and removing invasive species. There are several types of invasive species, like guinea grass, that needs continuous monitoring and removing.

## LEARNING CENTER HOST

The host's essential role is to welcome and help all visitors as they come inside the Learning Center building. Other duties may include lending out binoculars and completing small tasks.

## OTHER PROGRAMS/EVENTS:

Our team offers several other programs throughout the year such as Girl/Cub Scouts, birthday parties, dog therapy days, and other events that typically take place on Saturdays.

# Fill out a volunteer application today to get started!

To receive a Preserve application, please contact Lauren Piorkowski at [LaurenP@cctexas.com](mailto:LaurenP@cctexas.com).

Once the application is filled out and returned, a background check will be conducted by the city Human Resources department. After this is cleared, you will receive a confirmation email from Lauren along with our volunteer manual.

Your name will be added to our volunteer mailing list to get updates with upcoming opportunities to volunteer.

