

Blandford Nature Center Volunteer Opportunities at a Glance

1715 Hillburn Ave. NW

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

School Group Trail Guide - Lead school groups (K-6) of 15 students or less on seasonal tours lasting 1 1/2 hours each. Tours scheduled M-F, 9am-3pm.

Front Desk Reception - Greet visitors and direct phone calls at our front desk.

Grounds & Maintenance - Tasks vary seasonally from trail trimming to building repairs, and painting to snow-blowing and wood splitting.

The Farm - Planting, weeding, and harvesting in vegetable gardens and maintaining the grounds. Work changes seasonally.

Historical Interpreter - Blacksmith, cabin, or schoolhouse interpreters every 4th Saturday of the month and special events.

Special Events - Homestead Holiday (Dec. 10), Sugarbush (March).

Sugarbush Operator - Work in Sugarshack on evaporation pan, producing maple syrup, while educating the public. Throughout the month of March.

Summer Day Camp - Junior Counselors (9th grade+) or Camp Assistants (6th grade+) for one week intervals in the summer.

Special Skills - Plumbing, electrical, technical support, construction, heating/cooling systems, graphic design, and more.

Garden Maintenance - Watering, weeding, and dividing plants in Blandford's various gardens.

Invasive Species Control - Various needs throughout the year. Join our twice monthly land stewardship work days.

Seed Collection - Help collect seeds in the fall for re-use the following spring.

Wildlife Education - Provide animal care support. Opportunities limited to qualified persons.

Have a special talent or an idea? We want to put your passions to work! If you have an idea or a special skill you would like to contribute to our nature center, please let us know.

Try something new! Thorough training and job shadowing will be provided for each of our volunteer opportunities.

Flexible Opportunities - We'll cater to your availability, whether it's a day or two per month or a few days per week!

Groups, businesses, and families welcome!
Let us know when your group would like to come out and make a difference.

Application online at:
www.blandfordnaturecenter.org/volunteer

Contact Jessie Schulte,
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Mission

The mission of Blandford Nature Center is to change lives through fun and engaging learning experiences in the natural world.

Vision

Our vision is to invigorate relationships with nature that lead individuals to transform their community and create a healthy, sustainable world.

About us

Using 143 acres of land and wildlife as the backdrop, Blandford Nature Center provides fun and creative programs and opportunities that:

- *Educate* our community to understand our environment, our heritage, and our connection to natural systems.
- *Engage* people to actively use natural spaces and adopt sustainable practices.
- *Empower* people to embrace nature and new perspectives.

Blandford Nature Center believes children and adults learn best through personal experience.
Come to Blandford and learn by doing.



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