

# 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.

**General Store** - Conduct merchandise sales and answer general questions.

**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** - Harvest Festival (Oct.), Homestead Holiday (Dec.), 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.

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

**Lawn maintenance** - Use riding lawnmower and weed wacker to maintain grass.

**Wildlife Education** - Provide animal care support. Opportunities limited.

**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!**

*Apply online today!*

*[www.blandfordnaturecenter.org/volunteer](http://www.blandfordnaturecenter.org/volunteer)*

*Contact Peta, Volunteer Coordinator*

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### **Mission**

The mission of Blandford Nature Center is to change lives through fun and powerful 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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## **Volunteer Opportunities**

*Fun. Family Friendly. Fulfilling.*



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