



OHIO CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER NATURALIST POSITION DESCRIPTION HANCOCK COUNTY

General Description

To support The Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist program in meeting the needs of our citizens in the area of natural resources education by assisting with educational programs and providing service to local natural resource organizations.

Example Responsibilities:

- Plan and present environmental education programs for a variety of audiences in classroom or outdoor settings.
- Lead or participate in natural resource projects (e.g., stream monitoring, tree planting, invasive species control).
- Develop promotional and educational materials (e.g., brochures, displays and exhibits, web-sites).
- Interpret information from Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist manual for the general public.
- Represent and promote the Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist program to the public at community events.
- Keep records of training and volunteer activities.

Time Required

Volunteer hours will vary depending on the needs of participating organizations. Hancock County requires a total of 40 hours that must be completed by March 1, 2009. After certification a total of 20 volunteer service hours and 8 advanced training hours must be completed annually.

Qualifications

The Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist program volunteer must show an interest in, enthusiasm for, and knowledge of natural resources. He/she must be able to communicate with the public and deal courteously with visiting public and other Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist program participants. He/she must be able to read, write and comprehend the information presented in the training sessions, and be able to communicate that information to the general public. The Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist program volunteer must pass a final exam in order to volunteer in the program. He/she must provide his/her own transportation to training and volunteer activities.

Location: OSU Extension, Hancock Park District facilities, and various locations around the state.

Supervision:

Michelle Rumschlag, Hancock County Park District Volunteer Coordinator will represent the Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist program, and will provide coordination, supervision and support to the volunteers. She will assign, review and evaluate volunteer activities.

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