



Rockfish Valley Foundation

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Volunteer Newsletter

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Work Days at Spruce Creek Park: July 21st and 30th

Meet at Spruce Creek Park. **Volunteer** and enjoy a few hours of fellowship with neighbors as we maintain the park and trails at RVF. **There were 7 of us on July 7th**. We used to say bring your clippers but in response to our request, RVF received three substantial garden tool donations.

Current SCP Tasks: Plant iris in retainer pots, prep lilac bed, organize shed with all the new tools, water new plantings *if needed* (1.4 inches of rain recently), remove vines, weed and prep MilkWeed display, remove grass on gravel paths to be ready for gravel refresh, move branches to burn pile, and weed the weed butterfly garden. A special opportunity exists for 3 persons to each adopt 100' of Native Plant Walk. We can discuss the plan.



Natural History Center to Open Weekdays if Hosts Found

Note the "if". The plan is to open the Natural History Center from 1:00-3:00pm Monday through Friday in addition to our weekends of 12:00-4:00pm. **With your help we will try this in August and September.** Since we opened June 26, we have heard over and over the request to please open during the week. We have heard people say if you do we would help. Can this become reality? Let's give it a try. **BUT FIRST:** we must have the hosts to open. Can you volunteer for two hours one day a week so the community can enjoy the museum? Set up a two hour hosting with an experienced host to see. The exhibit is new and mostly self-guided. It tells the stories of water, rocks, plants and animals. Learn what the job as host entails and **volunteer.** **The need for weekend hosts is still just as critical.**



Additional Opportunities

- **Discover Storywalk This Summer:** A new program and a new volunteer opportunity at Camille Trailhead and Spruce Creek Park. Boxes of children's nature pictures and stories cleverly presented along the trails by Nelson Public Library. **Volunteer to help install and change the stories twice a month and clean the boxes.**
- **Hand Out Questionnaire Envelopes:** We also need volunteers who walk the trails regularly to take some of our questionnaire envelopes and give them out to people and put them under windshield wipers.

The Two Beckys are filling the rack card holders at all the kiosks and we have 10 important community items to give away in the museum. Come get yours. We also need you to tell others to follow/like us on Facebook. We want to get to 2000 by December. Big challenge but we want to try.



Fill Out Volunteer Application on Website

Go to the volunteer section of the website at rockfishvalley.org/blog/volunteer and fill out the application to join the volunteer committee and to volunteer. Help with marketing and public relations or trail monitoring. All is much needed. Thanks to the past leadership (over nearly 16 years) and to RVF's docents, gardeners and trail workers, the RVF community facilities are what they are today. They remain free and open to all. **Contact us at volunteer@rockfishvalley.org to get more involved.**

Donations

The Rockfish Valley Foundation is trying to increase its annual donors from 250 to 350. RVF is introducing a new matching challenge where Trustees will match the gift of a new donor up to \$250 from April 1st to August 31st until the sum of \$5000 of new funds has been raised. Please make your gift and spread the word.

RVF relies entirely on the generosity of people like you. Please consider a donation now. Help us achieve our goal of 350 donors - we are currently at about 250. Thank you!

- **How to Donate:** Please visit rockfishvalley.org/blog/donations to learn how to donate to RVF and support the 2021 operations budget. Alternatively, text RVFDONATE to 44321.

The Rockfish Valley Foundation Volunteer Application

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for The Rockfish Valley Foundation, a public non-profit organization. Please complete the following information and either return in person, via email to volunteer@rockfishvalley.org or mail to The Rockfish Valley Foundation, P.O. Box 235, Nellysford, VA 22958. See more details at <https://www.rockfishvalley.org>.

PLEASE PRINT Today's Date:

First Name: Last Name:

Street Address:

City: State: Zip:

Primary Phone Number: Other Phone:

Email:

Age
 Under 18 18 and above

When are you generally available for volunteer assignments? Please check all that applies.

Weekday Mornings Weekday Afternoons
 Weekday Evenings Weekend Mornings
 Weekend Afternoons Weekend Evenings

How many hours per week, month, or quarterly can you volunteer?

Week Month Quarterly

What type of volunteering are you interested in?

Special Events Volunteer On-Going Volunteer