



Rockfish Valley Foundation

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Volunteer Newsletter

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OUR MAJOR VOLUNTEER NEEDS

1. **Natural History Center hosts:** The Volunteer Committee has been working to build this capacity since June. We need at least 6 more weekend hosts and we need to start our weekday hosting to see if it will work. So, if you are interested let us know.
 - a. The hours during the week are 1:00 to 3:00 on whatever day(s) you would like
 - b. Weekend shifts are from noon to 2:00, and from 2:00 to 4:00.
2. **Outdoor Paint Out event, October 8-10th:** This large plein air painting event will be receiving a great amount of publicity. Over two dozen artists have pre registered and will be painting along the trails. It will take place on Columbus Day weekend. Our volunteer needs include:
 - a. Natural History Center check in on Friday Oct 8 from 9:00am to 1:00pm, handing out information and assisting with parking
 - b. Friday, October 8, at Camille Trail Head any time during the day, handing out information and assisting with parking
 - c. Saturday, October 9 at Camille Trail Head any time during the day
 - d. Saturday afternoon, October 9 at Glenthorne Farm, reception and box supper for artists from 6pm until end. Assist with set up for 6:00 event, parking, take down
 - e. Sunday morning, 10:00 to 12:00, Camille Trail head for the two hour quick draw paint out
 - f. Sunday afternoon, 2:00 to 5:00, help with the final event, an exhibition and sale of finished work at the Tuckahoe Clubhouse



Volunteers for RVF Parks and Trails continue to be needed. Regular work days at Spruce Creek Park are 9-11am on Wednesdays.

We continue to seek volunteers to do the following maintenance of RVF parks and trails. Come out on Wednesday mornings from 9 am to noon to connect with neighbors and get some work done. Prior paperwork is not required but new volunteers are encouraged to fill out the volunteer contact form. It can be found on the RVF website [HERE](#).



This site will also allow you to read the list of needs we are seeking volunteers for in the outdoor areas plus the Natural History Center. You will also find an orientation document and a record of policies volunteers agree to.

Currently we are working on preparing for our planting in the iris beds around the gazebo and making improvements where the Jamestown Natives Garden will be installed about the tool shed next to the gazebo. We also need to make improvements along the native plant walk that borders Spruce Creek.

Each week there is light duty work removing sprigs of grass in our gravel paths and picking up branches that have fallen in the children's play area.

Other activities needing attention in the month ahead include:

1. Testing strength of our new public wifi about Spruce Creek Park to the public as we are recently hooked up with Firefly internet. We have laminated signs to install about this great free public access about the park and trails
2. We need one or two people to take the lead designing and refreshing our signs and kiosks, both new and old
3. People wishing to get together with friend to garden are encouraged to help with propagation, bed preparation, and planting
4. We also need to attend to mulching and watering of our new beds. Our trails and new beds always need weeding as well
5. In case of rain we can spend a morning making better use of our space in the tool shed.

Some people may wish to work at other times with a friend or alone, according to your own schedule. That is fine with us! Michael Lachance and Chris Gensic, who does trail development for the City of Charlottesville, co-chair the Park and Trails Committee. You can contact Michael at lachance@rockfishvalley.org to discuss what type of outdoor work best suits your interests.

Donations

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.