

Thank you for your interest volunteering with the Audubon Center at Debs Park! Please see below for the current list of Tier 3 volunteer positions. These positions involve a consistent commitment, higher level responsibilities, and increased ownership of volunteer tasks and projects. In turn, Tier 3 positions provide an opportunity for increased reward and gratification. If one of the opportunities below seems like it might be a good fit, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Mika Perron, at mika.perron@audubon.org to start the application process!

This document is updated regularly based on current volunteer needs – new positions may be added in the future.

Title

Facilities Volunteer

Description

When it was built back in 2003, the Center was the first LEED Platinum certified building in the country. The building is thus quite unique and requires constant maintenance and updating. Additionally, the park is open to the public and much of the outdoor space endures constant wear and tear, whether from the elements or visitors. Facilities Volunteers support in management and maintenance of the Center facility, its systems, and its grounds.

Purpose

- To ensure that the building is working properly and effectively
- To increase the longevity of the building, its systems, and its belongings
- To create a safe and welcoming environment for visitors

Location

Audubon Center at Debs Park

Key Responsibilities

- Paint building
- Remove graffiti
- Remove, change, add signage
- Woodworking
- Rake courtyard
- Sweep service yard
- Manage parking
- Center refurbishments
- Installations (i.e. lighting)
- Manage upkeep of equipment and supplies
- Maintain vegetation through weed whacking and pruning to control weeds and clear trails/paths of encroaching brush
- Pick up trash near and around Center
- Clean windows
- Set out rat traps

Qualifications

- Ability to follow instructions
- Comfortable on a ladder
- Handy with tools
- Ability to multitask
- Experience in plumbing, electricity, woodwork, etc. is a plus
- Must complete an application and background check (at no cost to the volunteer) prior to volunteering.

Age Limit

Must be 18+

Training/Support Provided

Audubon Staff will provide an overview of the facilities, parking rules/regulations, and park hours. Training will include proper tool safety and use.

Benefits

- Help maintain building operating
- Practice innovation
- Provide guests a welcoming experience
- Gain project management skills
- Gain gratification through project development and execution
- Audubon Center t-shirt and nametag
- Invitation to our yearly Volunteer Appreciation event

Staff Lead

Mika Perron

Senior Center Coordinator

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Title

Community Program Lead

Description

Community Program Leads are volunteers that lead regular programming open to the community such as bird walks, plant walks, geology walks, yoga at the Center, and more. All community programs offered at the Center are free and open to all (an age limit may be enforced upon discussion with the Volunteer Engagement Coordinator).

Purpose

- To bring more people out to enjoy the park and connect with nature
- To increase access to environmental education through free and easily accessible community programming
- To allow local naturalists, experts, enthusiasts, etc. to share their knowledge with others
- To build community through regularly occurring program
- To increase capacity of Center

Location

Community Programs will typically take place at the Center, however there may be opportunities to lead programs along the L.A. River as well.

Key Responsibilities

- Developing your Community Program
- Leading your program for community members at least once a month
- Working with the Center on promotion of your program
- Working with the Center on tracking attendees of your program

Qualifications

- Community Program Leads will go through an initial screening process and must demonstrate a solid understanding and at least a basic level of expertise in the topics that will be covered in their community program
- The program must be performed for Center staff prior to engaging the broader community
- Must be comfortable speaking in front of groups and working with other people
- Ability to understand and speak Spanish is a plus but not required

Age Limit

Must be 18+

Time Commitment

Outreach Volunteers will ideally support with at least one three-hour volunteer shift per month. Further commitment is flexible and based on Center need/volunteer availability.

Training/Support Provided

Volunteers will participate in a General Volunteer training that will provide them with an overview of volunteer expectations and policies. Additional training will include shadowing a Community Program Lead who is offering a program that is the most similar to the one you would like to put on.

Benefits

- Opportunity meet new people, build relationships, and engage with the vibrant Northeast LA community
- Develop interpersonal skills and experience with community engagement
- Develop leadership skills
- Opportunity to practice and promote your area of focus/craft and expertise
- Audubon Center t-shirt and nametag
- Invitation to our yearly Volunteer Appreciation event

Staff Lead

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