WHY VOLUNTEER?

Volunteers that assist the Dubuque County Conservation board span a variety of ages, interests, skills and desires. From families with young children to cooperate service groups, to seniors, we welcome the opportunity to work with a broad base of people dedicated to helping us peruse our mission.

Whether you have a few hours a week, some extra time on weekends, or an interest in coming in occasionally during the year, we have volunteer opportunities to meet your time commitments and interests.

Volunteering with Dubuque County is a rewarding experience that benefits not only the environment and our visitors, but enriches the lives of our volunteers. We hope you will become apart of our family.

“WE LOVE VOLUNTEERING AT SWISS VALLEY! WE GET TO MEET OTHERS WHOM LOVE THE OUTDOORS.”
—WEEKEND VOLUNTEER

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**TRAIL AMBASSADOR VOLUNTEER:**
Volunteers act as a liaison for Dubuque County Conservation to the public and provide trail maintenance. Possible duties include: litter removal, pruning vegetation, informing staff of items needing attention such as downed trees, washouts, and feedback from trail users.

**MAPLE SYRUPING VOLUNTEER:**
Work with staff to tap maple trees, collect sap, and watch the evaporator turn it into delicious syrup. This normally occurs in early March depending on weather conditions.

**WEEKEND VOLUNTEER:**
Give back to the community and have fun at the same time in a beautiful park atmosphere. Whether you're looking for an inspiring setting, or a college students looking to fulfill an internship credit, or a senior enjoying retirement, all are invited to share their passion for the outdoors with park visitors. Volunteers are trained in greeting visitors, answering phones, general procedures in opening and closing the Swiss Valley Nature Center, and renting out snowshoes and skis when conditions allow!

**SPECIAL EVENTS VOLUNTEER:**
Assist Dubuque County staff with special projects including trash clean-ups, seed harvesting, trail projects, river clean-ups and more!

**FUNDRAISER EVENT VOLUNTEER:**
Friends of Dubuque County Conservation Board hosts several fundraisers throughout the year with many opportunities for volunteers. Tasks include setting up, food preparation, parking cars, leading walks, assisting with equipment rental and more. Events include Trail Race, Chili Feed, Halloween Hike, Pancake Brunch.

**ANIMAL HUSBANDRY VOLUNTEER:**
Work behind the scenes preparing animal diets, water quality, cleaning animal enclosures, engaging the animals in enrichment, and condition training. Animal husbandry volunteers need to be 16 years or older.

**COOPERATE/GROUP VOLUNTEERS:**
Connect with others to participate in an opportunity to improve your community. Contact us for more details!

**CITIZENS SCIENCE VOLUNTEER:**
Did you know chasing butterflies, monitoring blue bird houses, and checking for reptiles such as snakes can help scientists? Participate in a citizens science projects in which volunteers work with county staff to gather data and make inferences about our conservation areas.