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HAVENWOODS STATE FOREST

Volunteer Connection

Our volunteers and donors keep us vital!

Good news from 2015

The numbers have been tallied, and the reports are done. 2015 was a great year for volunteers here - with the highest numbers in 6 years. A total of 287 people donated 2,549 hours of work to Havenwoods. That is equal to the time worked by a full time and a one-quarter time employee. Of that total, 206 people contributed 570 hours by coming here one time with their organizations. That means that 81 of you who keep coming back donated 1,979 hours. You all are amazing, and I thank you for all your work!

In 2015, we received a whopping \$14,111 in donations from individuals, organizations, and Friends of Havenwoods. The majority of the money helped pay for staff to conduct programs.

Help needed

Lawn mowing: We need someone to mow the landscaped areas around the nature center and parking lot during the growing season. You would alternate the work with Dallas Warner, who has been doing it for the last several years. It takes about 4-6 hours each time. Work could be split between two days.

Nature center hosts: These volunteers greet visitors, answer phones, take messages, and provide other office help. Hosts are needed for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Saturdays of the month from 9 am to noon. You would sign up to host one Saturday a month. We also occasionally need people for a few hours on weekdays. If you let me know your availability, I would call in advance of a need to see if you can help. I will

train you, and you would always work with a staff member.

Donations

Recently we received a \$1000 donation from the George Washington 1776 Masonic Lodge in Whitefish Bay. Our own volunteer, Horace Palmer, is a member there. He has been our connection with the lodge for volunteering and donations for many years. We are grateful to Horace and the members for supporting our work. We plan to use this money to help pay for Buds 'n Sprouts this summer.

We also received a \$1200 donation from my niece and her family, who are from Greenville, WI. They want us to use the funds to purchase items that will enhance our education programs and the nature center.

This winter at Havenwoods

Snow Trek

February 27, 10 - 11:30 am (Saturday) This is an event for adults. Join staff for an outdoor adventure. We'll take a hike on snowshoes to enjoy the park and discover what's going on in nature. Dress warmly; most of the time will be spent outside. We have snowshoes you can use. If there isn't enough snow, we'll hike instead.



Thank you to Friends for providing free cocoa to all who visit here on Saturdays this season!

Deer Management

Once again this winter, the population appears to be relatively low. We have gotten very few reports from visitors or volunteers about seeing deer. Since the population is at a manageable level, we won't contract to have any deer killed this year. The last time deer were taken here was in 2011.



Staff photo, 2011

Planning ahead

Opportunities

April 16 or 23 morning (conditions permitting): program on controlled burns, to be followed by specialists burning 40 acres of our prairie. Come and watch!

April & May dates: park clean-ups

July 29: Shakespeare returns to Havenwoods!

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