

Volunteer Position Descriptions

Public Events:

In this position, the volunteer will be present at tabling events with Audubon partners or associated events through The Audubon Center at Riverlands. The volunteer will present information based on the associated learning objectives, be familiar with interpretation pieces (such as guide books, skulls, feathers, etc.), and engage with the public as a Center representative in a cheerful and helpful manner.

- *Example events: REC FEST at the National Great Rivers Museum; Eagle Ice Fest*

Front Desk:

In this position, the volunteer will assist Audubon staff by greeting guests who come in to visit The Audubon Center at Riverlands. The volunteer will be expected to answer the Center phone, answer inquiries or direct callers to further resources (such as rehabilitation centers for injured birds), process purchases made at the Center Store, and see to upkeep of the Center (including opening and/or closing procedures). This position will also be able to participate in helping with ongoing projects, determined by staff based on need.

Gardening:

In this position, the volunteer will work under the supervision and direction of lead Gardening volunteer Anne Rankin. The volunteer may participate in plantings, mulching, and general gardening care based on ongoing projects and maintenance needs of the Center.

- *NOTE: Gardening volunteers need not have prior experience, so long as you have a positive attitude and are willing to learn!*

Conservation:

In this position, the volunteer will work under the supervision and direction of Conservation Science Associate Tara Hohman. The volunteer may be involved in various directives throughout the year for our sanctuary conservation needs that may include broad span efforts throughout the Mississippi River conservation regions. The volunteer should have some prior experience working in the field or possess relevant skills such as bird identification, species surveys, habitat restoration, etc.

- *Example opportunities: Swan Roost Watch; Bluebird Nest Box Surveys*

Education Program Docent:

In this position, the volunteer will be trained to provide interpretation and lead Nature Education for Stewards of Tomorrow (NEST) Eco-Learners programs. The volunteer will provide visiting school groups, adult learning groups, birding groups, and other audiences on-site at The Audubon Center at Riverlands with information about the Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary and specific program content as a Center representative.

- *Example Eco-Learners programs: Mammal Investigations; Bird Adaptations; Geo-Caching*