



Volunteer Positions Available:

Visitor Center Gardeners

Join a team of enthusiastic gardeners working to showcase native plants in the gardens around the Visitor Center. These gardens help welcome thousands of visitors each year and demonstrate the importance and functionality of using native plants in home and business landscapes. Working in collaboration with CNC staff, gardeners will weed, water, mulch, plant and maintain the gardens throughout the growing season.

Position Objective: To maintain key native plant gardens around the Visitor Center in collaboration with CNC staff.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Weed, water, and mulch assigned garden areas
- Plant native species as determined by CNC staff
- Abide by the goals, objectives and garden plans as set by CNC staff for the assigned garden areas
- Work collaboratively with other garden volunteers
- Dedicate 8-15 hours per month during the growing season to garden maintenance (schedule is flexible and can include weekdays, evenings or weekends) and record these hours

Qualifications:

- Ability to identify desired native plants, or a willingness and ability to learn to do so
- Ability to identify undesired native and non-native species or a willingness and ability to learn to do so
- Ability to kneel, stoop, bend, sit, lift and stand on uneven surfaces
- Ability to positively interact with visitors as needed when volunteering
- Ability to work independently
- Must be able to work collaboratively with CNC staff to achieve garden goals and objectives
- Volunteer background check will be performed

Application procedure: Please complete the online volunteer application at www.chippewanaturecenter.org/volunteer, check “Gardening” under “areas you’d like to volunteer” and indicate “Visitor Center Gardener” in the notes section. If you are a current volunteer or have already applied, you may contact Cathy Devendorf, Director of Volunteers and Outreach at cdevendorf@chippewanaturecenter.org and do not need to complete the online application.

About Chippewa Nature Center

CNC is a nonprofit, environmental education organization. Its mission is *to connect all people to nature through educational, recreational and cultural experiences*. The 1,500-acre property includes woodlands, fields, ponds and rivers. CNC’s facilities consist of a Visitor Center with a River Overlook, Ecosystem Gallery, Wildlife Viewing Area and more; an 1870s Homestead Farm complex; Nature Preschool; an arboretum and 19 miles of trails. Visit www.chippewanaturecenter.org for more information.

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