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Volunteer Job Title: Gardens Volunteer

The Purpose of The Gardens on Spring Creek Volunteer Program is to enrich lives of volunteers and community members through our beautiful, curated gardens and outstanding education programs and events; create a financially sustainable workforce; and educate volunteers and guests about environmental stewardship through gardening.

Primary Activities:

- Perform gardening tasks at a moderate activity level including weeding, mulching, planting, propagating, etc.
- Assist with special events
- Take direction from gardens staff regarding garden and/or greenhouse work
- Work together as a part of a volunteer team on garden projects or garden events
- Volunteer opportunities are also available in youth/adult education, special events, front desk, café, and butterfly house. Additional training and a background check may be required.

Expectations:

- Enthusiasm for sharing a love of gardening and the natural world.
- Participate in orientation, training programs, and program evaluations.
- Treat visitors with courtesy and respect.
- Act in a professional manner, which includes respecting confidences.
- Be accountable to and supportive of the work at The Gardens on Spring Creek.
- Verbal communication skills
- Desire to learn about horticulture
- A positive attitude
- Must be able to spend days in inclement weather, on feet, and sometimes lifting objects

Time Commitment and Availability:

- Varies depending on specific opportunity. Most volunteer opportunities occur between the hours of 9am-12pm Tuesday-Friday. Weekend and evening shifts are also available in certain areas.
- All Gardens volunteers will remain active in our database as long as they volunteer at least once within a two-year period. After two years of inactivity, volunteers will be marked as inactive. If a volunteer would like to resume volunteering again, they will need to complete a new volunteer application, attend an orientation, and volunteer interview.

Benefits to Volunteering:

- Giving back to the community by helping maintain and develop a beautiful facility
- Participate in training and educational opportunities
- Receive help in reaching personal and professional goals
- Network with staff and community members
- Increase horticulture knowledge by working with garden staff in outdoor gardens and greenhouse
- Develop lasting friendships
- Gain new skills
- Receive community recognition through our website and/or newsletter
- Attend volunteer-only appreciation events

