Volunteering

The Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association’s volunteer community is a diverse group of committed individuals, families, and groups that work to support the mission of the organization in many different ways. Our volunteer program integrates community members into the organization by providing a variety of opportunities with a flexible schedule.

Volunteers choose their level of involvement based on their skills, interests, and availability. Some positions are seasonal, require attendance at training workshops and/or hands-on training.

AS OF AUGUST 2019, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Conservation Crew
- Education
- Evans-Mumbower Mill
- Special Events

Those interested in volunteering should review descriptions below then fill out and submit our [Volunteer Application Form]. Requests for volunteers in our Creek Watch and Citizen Science programs will be added to our database and will receive an email when the programs open in 2020.

**Conservation Crew**
Conservation Crew members are trained volunteers that are assigned sections of the Green Ribbon Trail or Preserves to monitor and maintain monthly. They keep the trail and preserves free of trash, remove invasive plant species, assist with emergency trail work, help WVWA staff with stewardship projects. They are also responsible for reporting issues on the trail such as fallen trees, dumping, etc.

**Education**
WVWA’s Education program needs caring volunteers to assist with the elementary and secondary education programs. In the spring and fall, elementary school students visit
the Evans-Mumbower Mill to learn about simple machines and the history of mills in the local area. In the spring, high school students join us at the Wissahickon Creek to learn about the science of water quality, the challenges facing the Creek, and macro-invertebrates. Volunteers are needed to help lead the lessons and assist students and volunteer leaders. Previous teaching experience is a plus but not required. Training is offered for these programs as well as guidance in obtaining clearances necessary to work with children.

**EVANS-MUMBOWER MILL**

The Evans-Mumbower Mill hosts a dedicated group of volunteers who share their passion for history and education. Mill Open House Volunteers open and operate the mill seven times a year for the public to tour. Mill Maintenance Volunteers complete maintenance jobs, improvement projects, and carpentry in and around the nearly 300-year-old structure.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Special Event Volunteers are needed at the Maple Sugaring Festival, Creek Cleanup, Tex Mex 5k Race, Walk the Wissahickon, Serve the Preserve, and the Green Ribbon Trail Race. Volunteers can help with a wide spectrum of jobs both before, during, and after the event. Positions include race marshal, hike leader, or hospitality at various events. If you would like to be added to the special event email list, please note that when you sign up.

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**CITIZEN SCIENCE**

Citizen Science volunteers assist with a variety of ecological monitoring projects on WVWA properties throughout the year. Areas to be studied include frogs, salamanders, vernal pools, several bird-related and pollinator-related projects including monarch butterflies. Please list the project(s) you are interested in

**CREEK WATCH PROGRAM**

Creek Watch is a team of trained citizen scientists that regularly monitor the Wissahickon Creek and its tributaries and report their findings back to WVWA. Each
Creek Watcher is assigned a section of the Wissahickon Creek or tributary by WVWA to be visited once a month.

**GROUP SERVICE PROJECTS**

Available for corporations as part of the WVWA sponsorship benefit package. Contact Kelly Joslin at 215-646-8866 for more information.