



### Trail Stewards

While workday volunteers care for the larger ecological health of our natural areas, a Trail Steward adopts a trail and focuses on making it safe and pleasant. Activities include litter control, clearing branches and debris from trails after storms, and reporting any inappropriate uses of the trail to the designated Area Manager. On-going training and educational opportunities are provided.



## R·E·A·P

**(Restoration · Education · Appreciation · Preservation)**  
*Passionate Volunteers Committed to Ecological Preservation*

### Volunteer Workdays

**3rd Saturday of each Month (April-October)**

**9 a.m. to Noon**

No experience or commitment is necessary! We welcome friends, family and community groups for hands-on habitat restoration training, invasive species removal and native seed collection, plus enriching conservation education and activities.

#### 2018 R.E.A.P. Volunteer Workday Locations

April 21	Kishwaukee Gorge Forest Preserve
May 19	Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve
June 16	J. Norman Jensen Forest Preserve
July 21	Colored Sands Forest Preserve
Aug 18	SCOUTS DAY! Sugar River Forest Preserve
Sept 15	Cedar Cliff Forest Preserve <u>NEW!</u>
Oct 20	Ferguson Forest Preserve

**For important details and to RSVP on-line**  
**Visit [www.winnebagoforest.org](http://www.winnebagoforest.org) - Calendar of Events**



### Native Nursery Volunteers

Our Native Plant Nursery is located at our Resource Center near Severson Dells Forest Preserve. Volunteers weed and water plant beds, install plugs, monitor and inventory plants, collect and clean seed, learn plant propagation techniques, and more! Our two busiest times are late spring/early summer, when we do a great deal of weeding and planting, and late summer/early fall, when native plant seed ripens and must be collected. We provide you with on-going training. (Thursdays at 9 a.m.)



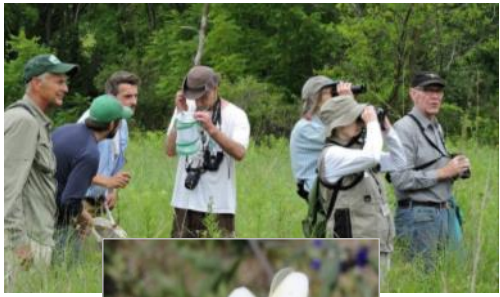


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## Citizen Science

Citizen Scientists collect important information about plants and animals that aid in evaluating natural areas restoration and add to the knowledge of local ecosystems. Data obtained from surveying in forest preserves is submitted to regional and national wildlife monitoring projects.

No experience is necessary to be a Citizen Scientist! Prospective volunteers should plan to attend a training session facilitated by field experts shortly before the monitoring season begins. Check out our calendar of events for dates and times at [www.winnebagoforest.org/](http://www.winnebagoforest.org/)

- Calling Frogs**
- Bluebirds**
- Dragonflies and Damselflies**
- Butterflies**
- Bumblebees**
- Rare Native Plants**

## Special Events

Serve on a short-term planning committee or just support the activities of the day...the choice is yours! Throughout the season volunteers enjoy welcoming the public to nature by assisting with special event activities, assisting with concessions, games, kids crafts and more! Visit our website at [www.winnebagoforest.org](http://www.winnebagoforest.org/) for details.



## Nature Fiesta

Saturday, May 19th - 11 am to 3 pm  
Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve

## Hooked on Fun

Saturday, June 9th - 9 am to Noon  
Four Lakes Forest Preserve

## *Forest Quest*

Saturday, September 15th - 4:30 pm  
Severson Dells Nature Center



## Litter really BUGS us.

Want to impact our environment while you exercise and enjoy fresh air and beautiful scenery? Join our **LITTER LEAGUE!** Pick up litter along the roadway at the entrances of Espenscheid and Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserves. Whether you participate individually, with a friend, or as part of a group—youth or adult—our Litter League is always in action! We'll supply the work gloves, trash bags and safety vests.



**Questions?** Contact Kim O'Malley  
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Applying on-line is easy!

<http://winnebagoforest.org/volunteer/>

