

# VOLUNTEER IN MONTGOMERY PARKS FALL 2011

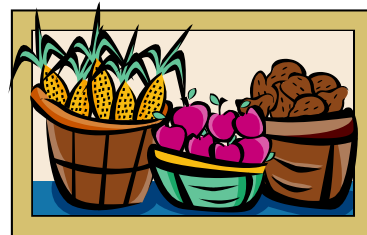
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## Apple Festival & Campfire, Meadowside Nature Center, Rockville

**Friday evening, September 16.** It's apple harvest time! We are having a party where volunteers will be helping kids make apple cider, apple crafts and end up around the campfire helping to make "S'mores" and more! Minimum Age is 14. **Student Service Learning (SSL) approved.**

Children's Day, Brookside Gardens, Wheaton **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.** This year's theme is about "Adventures with Food – Let's Move and Groove!" Volunteers help with setup, crafts and games for this fun and educational day about healthy food choices and promoting physical activity! Minimum age is 14 (or 11-13 with parent). **SSL Approved.**



**National Public Lands Day**  
A National Environmental Education Foundation Program

## ([www.PublicLandsDay.org](http://www.PublicLandsDay.org)) Various Parks, Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

This annual fix-up day is a national event that has the goal of mobilizing 100,000 volunteers to make a major difference at 1,000 sites nationwide! Local volunteers can help with trail work, remove invasive plants, clean up a park or many other tasks to help keep our Montgomery Parks beautiful! **SSL approved.**



## Harvest Festival, Agricultural History Farm Park, Derwood

**Saturday, October 1.** This is our annual fall festival celebrating "Life on the Farm" circa the 1920's. Some of the hands-on activities include making crafts, handing out maps and brochures, running relay races, roasting chestnuts, tin-smithing and more. Minimum age is 14. **SSL approved.**

## The C.P. Hauntington, Haunted Train, Wheaton Regional Park

**October 7-30, Thursdays thru Sundays.** Be a part of this fun and scary event in Wheaton! We need lots of volunteers to dress up as their favorite ghouls, 16 and older (or 13 -15 with parent), every day the train is running. We need Face Painters for the weekends, too. Get your friends together for a fun night! **SSL approved.**



## Eye Spy Halloween Train, Cabin John Train Station, Rockville **October 7-30,**

**Thursdays thru Sundays.** This not so scary train ride geared towards the younger set needs volunteers to help hand out goodies and keep those in line entertained. We need Face Painters for the weekends, too. Minimum age is 14, or 11- 13 with parent. **SSL approved.**



**MORE OPPORTUNITIES ON BACK!**

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## Halloween Extravaganza, Meadowside Nature Center, Rockville

**Friday, October 28, 5:00 to 8:30.** Come help out at this family oriented event, where there will be night hiking, Halloween crafts, live animals and treats! We need adults and kids 14 years and older, to assist with the activities, crafts, set-up and take down of this event. This is great fun for folks who like working with children - and those who like dressing up! **SSL approved.**



Maryland Emancipation Celebration, Woodlawn Manor, Oakley Cabin & Josiah Henson Historic Site **Friday, November 4 – Sunday, November 6.** Join us to celebrate the day enslaved persons living in Maryland were freed by a new state constitution! Volunteers will assist with special events, including set up, sign in and distributing information. **SSL approved**

Weed Warrior Training Have you noticed the vines threatening to take over the world? Join this important effort to remove invasive plants from area parks. Training dates left for this year: Aug 31, Oct 5 or Oct 26, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Rockville. To sign up, call the Weed Warrior Volunteer Coordinator at 301-962-1343, or e-mail [MCP-WeedWarriors@mncppc-mc.org](mailto:MCP-WeedWarriors@mncppc-mc.org). Minimum age is 16.



Garden of Lights, Brookside Gardens, Wheaton **Show opens November 25 – January 8, but some volunteers needed earlier.** Light Show Assistants, Parking Assistants, Monitors and Conservatory Assistants are needed to help get this magical light show at the Gardens open and running smoothly! Minimum age is 16. **SSL approved.**

## Other “Long Term” Volunteer Opportunities available:

Nature Center Host/Hostess; Park Police Citizen Patrol; Olney Skate Park Monitor; Urban Tree Stewards; Volunteer Naturalist; Historic Interpretation Docents – more opportunities with all the details are on our website at [www.ParksVolunteers.org](http://www.ParksVolunteers.org).

**Questions about these opportunities or how to apply?  
Call the Volunteer Services Office 301-495-2504.**

