

Volunteer Resources

Environment

Citizens for a Greener Evanston (CGE)

CGE has a variety of committees that work on making Evanston a more sustainable community. New members are always welcome. Visit their site to learn more: <http://www.greenerevanston.org/get-involved>. Contact Leslie Shad at leslieashad@gmail.com or 847-542-8454. Website: www.greenerevanston.org

Edible Acre (Davis & Dodge—across the street from the pool entrance)

Created in collaboration between the Talking Farm and ETHS, the garden produces a variety of vegetables and herbs that is used directly in ETHS cafeterias. Help our ETHS garden grow by doing various tasks to keep it healthy and strong. Call Matt Ryan at 847-440-6997 for more information. Website: <http://www.thetalkingfarm.org/eths-projects/>

Edible Evanston (1630 Maple Ave, Evanston)

The mission of Edible Evanston is to develop sustainable local food sources by establishing urban farms, community gardens, greenhouses, and composting sites throughout Evanston. Check their calendar for volunteer opportunities at <http://www.edibleevanston.org/>

Emily Oaks Nature Center (4650 Brummel Street, Skokie)

The Emily Oaks Nature Center offers a variety of volunteer opportunities from their Wildflower Garden and outdoor workdays once a month to special events like their *Things That Go Bump* Halloween night. Students interested in volunteering who are under the age of 16 need a signed waiver to be involved. Call (847)-674-1500 ext. 2500 to learn about opportunities! Website: <https://www.skokieparks.org/emily-oaks-nature-center>

Evanston Ecology Center/Evanston Environmental Assoc. (2024 McCormick Blvd, Evanston)

The Ecology Center is a City of Evanston facility that strives to foster a greater appreciation and awareness of the natural environment through educational programs and services. To inquire about volunteering for special events, call Matt Poole at mpoole@cityofevanston.org or 847-448-8256. Website: <http://www.evanstonenvironment.org/ecology-center>

Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse (2101 Dempster, Evanston)

The Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse is involved in sustainable deconstruction and renovation building practices to promote the reduction of waste in landfills. They also offer reclaimed building materials at a low cost to members of the community and job development programs. Contact Mary Jon Girard at info@evanstonrebuildingwarehouse.org or 847-864-9246 to get started. Website: www.evanstonrebuildingwarehouse.org

Friends of the Evanston Farmer's Market

This organization works to educate the public on eating healthy, fresh, and locally grown foods. They are advocates of greater access to healthy foods regardless of financial means. Contact Vikki Proctor at proctorvikki@icloud.com or 847-894-3236 for information. Website: <http://evanstonfarmersmarkets.org/>

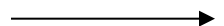
Friends of the Forest Preserves (Various locations in Cook County)

Volunteer individually or with a group of your peers on restoration workdays. This 3 hour opportunity involves removing and burning invasive brush, collecting seeds, and dispersing seeds. Contact Ilana Federman at 312-356-9990 or ilana@fotfp.org to get involved. Learn about the Centennial Volunteers Program at the website: <http://www.fotfp.org/event/centennial/>

Green Team (ETHS Club)

Green Team members bring their own ideas and passions into discussion to determine actions we can take to make ETHS more environmentally sustainable. Join Green Team in advocating for the green and volunteering in fun events, like Trash Bash! Email Joel Weiner at weinerj@eths.k12.il.us for more information.

See back for more



Habitat for Humanity-Chicago (6040 N. Pulaski Rd, Evanston)

Work in Habitat's home improvement store: receive and process donations, answer customer questions, and carry forward their mission of building homes and communities. Volunteers who are under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Volunteers who are 16 or 17 will need a signed permission form.

Contact Nina Fuentes at volunteer@restorechicago.org or 773-539-6040. Website: <https://www.windycityhabitat.org/>

North Branch Restoration Project (Various Locations)

Saturdays or Sundays: 9am-12pm

Work to restore health to the beautiful North Branch areas and forest preserves. No experience needed--the stewards will provide instructions, tools, and usually, a snack to enjoy at mid-workday break! Check out their calendar for events at <http://northbranchrestoration.org/calendar.html>.

Perkins Woods Workdays (Grant & Bennett Ave, Evanston)

Scheduled Saturdays throughout the year

Help remove invasive species (such as weeds and trees) to promote thriving native growth in this forest preserve.

Visit the website and click on "Volunteer" to find upcoming workdays and opportunities to volunteer in a group or individually. Website: www.fpdcc.com/volunteer/

Random Acts of Flowers (2000 Greenleaf St., Evanston)

Mondays, 3:30-5:30pm

Random Acts of Flowers recycles and repurposes flowers by engaging volunteer teams to deliver beautiful bouquets and moments of kindness to individuals in healthcare facilities. Contact Sydney Werd at 847-430-4751 or Sydney@rafchicago.org to sign up. Website: <http://randomactsofflowers.org/>

The Recyclery Collective (7628 N Paulina, Chicago)

Tuesday: 12-5pm, Friday: 5-8pm

Volunteer Orientation: 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month from 6-7pm

Calling all writers, graphic designers, photographers, greeters, sales assistants, mechanics, programmers, and youth instructors! Work at the Recyclery, an educational bike shop that recycles donated bikes for people who need them while teaching others the importance of cycling and the mechanics of fixing their own bikes. To RSVP for a volunteer orientation and get started, email volunteer@therecyclery.org. Website: www.therecyclery.org

The Talking Farm (3669 Howard St, Skokie)

Immerse yourself in nature, build the local food community, and learn about horticulture! The Talking Farm is an urban farm that provides local fresh food, and a place for community gatherings. Workday hours vary from mornings, afternoons, and evening weekdays and weekends. If you're under 18, you must get a signed waiver by your guardian to volunteer. Call Matt Ryan at 847-440-6997 for more information. Website: www.thetalkingfarm.org

Additional Information

ETHS Community Service--Volunteer Opportunities

On our website, find current volunteer opportunities and a database of organizations that seek student volunteers: http://www.eths.k12.il.us/community/community_service1.aspx.

NU--ETHS Partnership Office

Kristen Perkins--NU/ETHS partnership liaison. Can assist students and connect them with NU programs, offices, and departments in any area of interest, especially the sciences: perkensk@eths.k12.il.us.

Volunteer Evanston

The mission of Volunteer Evanston is to connect volunteers to opportunities in Evanston and assist local organizations that serve the Evanston community: www.volunteerevanston.org.

This list is provided as a resource and is in no way inclusive of all agencies providing volunteer opportunities. The inclusion of this information and links to these sites does not imply endorsement by ETHS District 202. Specific questions regarding any content or volunteer opportunities provided should be directed to the appropriate agency or organization.