



Restoration Team Leader Volunteer Role Description

Role Title: Restoration Team Leader

Volunteer Level: 3

School/College/Division: UW–Madison Arboretum

Point of Contact/Supervisor: Restoration Outreach Coordinator

Location: UW–Madison Arboretum properties

Volunteer Role Summary:

Assist with ecological restoration and management, as well as nonformal environmental education, by supervising other volunteers at ecological restoration work parties in the UW–Madison Arboretum’s diverse collection of restored ecological communities.

Volunteer Responsibilities:

- Lead other volunteers at ecological restoration work parties. Restoration activities may include:
 - Cutting and stacking woody brush (using loppers and hand saws)
 - Removing herbaceous plants (hand-pulling or using pruners)
 - Selectively applying herbicides
 - Planting seeds, plants, shrubs, and trees in restoration sites
 - Collecting research and citizen science data
- Support informal learning opportunities for volunteers about ecology-related topics.
- Be prepared for and handle emergency situations in the field.
- Properly use, clean, and store equipment and vehicles.
- Communicate with Arboretum staff and other Restoration Team Leaders about work assignments and work party feedback.
- Follow Arboretum procedures and policies.

Commitment:

Team Leaders will:

- Commit to the full training period plus 60 hours of restoration team leader service. The 60 hours is most often served by leading 15 work parties over two years (approximately one per month).
- Set-up, lead, and clean-up the Saturday work parties from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Work parties are Saturday mornings from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and co-led by at least 2 Team Leaders.

Training, Orientation, and Safety:

Team Leaders must:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be able to lift 30 pounds, to bend, squat, and kneel, and to sometimes work on hands and knees.
- Be ready to work outside, dressed appropriately, in most weather conditions and all seasons. Work sites may have bees, wasps, noxious plants such as poison ivy and ragweed, and lack bathroom facilities.
- Have reliable transportation to and from the Arboretum.
- Complete the Restoration Team Leader training.
- Create profile in UW–Madison’s Volunteer Matters software.
- Receive Adult First Aid/CPR Certification.
- Obtain and maintain UW–Madison Driver’s Authorization – you must hold a valid US driver’s license for 2+ years and a good driving record (if you have had a Wisconsin license for less than 2 years, additional paperwork is required).
- Take UW–Madison’s “Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect” online training (approx. 1 hour).
- Pass a criminal background check.

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Please contact restoration outreach coordinator Micah Kloppenburg, 608.265.5214 or mkloppenburg@wisc.edu, for more information.

I understand the scope of volunteer services, my point of contact, and the training I must complete before providing services as a University Volunteer.

Name: _____

Date: _____