



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN OPEN LANDS & TRAILS



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Volunteer educators help teach youth about local wildlife, plants and the environment. Students in grades K-5 attend field trips in spring and fall at River’s Edge Natural Area, Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park, Namaqua Park, and greenspaces near schools. Programs include *Plants & Places*, *Critter Scene Investigations*, *Canyon Ecosystems*, and *Colorado History*. Volunteers receive free training to give short presentations at small group learning stations. New trainees can be paired with mentors.

Time Commitment:

- On-site & classroom training – 2-4 hours
- Teaching – 1 weekday per week preferred, times vary with programs
 - Spring programs – April & May
 - Fall programs – September through early November



Volunteers are also needed for monthly **Preschool PEEPs Programs** and as **Nature Cabin Docents**.

Environmental Ed. Contact: Michele Van Hare, (970) 962-2643 michele.vanhare@cityofloveland.org



TRAIL HOST PROGRAM

- Engage in positive interactions with the general public
- Answer visitors’ questions and provide general information
- Practice and promote *Front Country Leave No Trace* principles
- Use *Authority of the Resource Techniques* (ART) to encourage compliance with area regulations
- Collect and report information regarding public use of natural areas

Time Commitment:

- On-site & classroom training – 5 hours (over 2 sessions), option to pair with experienced volunteer
- Trail Hosting – 4 hours per month preferred, flexible year-round schedule, self-selected locations & times

Trail Host Contact: Diana Frances, (970) 962-3427 diana.frances@cityofloveland.org

STEWARDSHIP and SPECIAL PROJECTS

Volunteers can help with habitat restoration, seed collection, weed removal, site cleanups, trail building, raptor monitoring, small construction, photography and more. Dates vary or self-scheduled.

Stewardship Contact: Debbie Eley, (970) 962.2725 debbie.eley@cityofloveland.org

All volunteers should be in good physical condition, capable of an easy 1-mile hike.

No experience or knowledge necessary – all training and materials are provided FREE.

To see training opportunities and sign up: offeror.cityofloveland.org

For more information: www.lovgov.org/OLVol

