



Lyman Woods Youth Group Volunteer Interest Form

Thank you so much for your interest in having your group volunteer with us! We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities at our 150 acre Lyman Woods Forest Preserve, as well as at our remnant prairie site, Belmont Prairie. In order to help us process your inquiry, please fill out the interest form below.

Please note: for a one-time workday, volunteer applications are not necessary, but **each volunteer must complete and submit the Lyman Woods volunteer waiver. For volunteers under 18 years of age, a parent/guardian signature is required on the waiver.** Once we have received this interest form and confirmed details we will send you a copy of our waiver. For all workdays, whether indoors or outside, we require all volunteers to wear close-toed shoes, and strongly recommend volunteers bring their own water bottle, insect repellent, sunscreen, hat, and wear long pants and sleeves, depending on weather. Lyman Woods staff will provide all tools, safety gear, and work gloves (however, volunteers may bring their own gloves if they prefer).

Workday Scheduling:

Date of Workday (list several potential dates): _____

Workday Time (please list several windows of time): _____

Group Information:

Group Name (club, business, organization, etc.): _____

Group Leader: _____ Phone: _____

Group Leader Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(STREET)

(CITY)

(ZIPCODE)

Youth Supervision Requirements

To ensure a safe and supportive environment for all youth volunteers, our program follows specific adult-to-youth supervision ratios based on age and the type of activities involved. These requirements apply to all volunteer sessions:

Volunteers 14 Years of Age and Older

- Do not require additional adult supervision beyond standard program staffing.
- May participate in all approved volunteer activities, including those involving cutting tools.

Volunteers Ages 11–13

Supervision requirements vary depending on whether cutting tools are used:

- Using cutting tools: Requires a minimum ratio of 1 adult to 3 youth.
- Not using cutting tools: Requires a minimum ratio of 1 adult to 8 youth.

Volunteers 10 Years of Age and Under

- Are not permitted to use cutting tools under any circumstances.
- Require one-on-one supervision, with a ratio of 1 adult to 1 child at all times.

Volunteer Age Range and Quantities

Please write the # of youth volunteers in each age range:

_____ How many children 14-17 years old?

_____ How many children 11–13 years old?

_____ How many children 10 years old or younger?

_____ How many adults (18 years of age or older)?

Participation in Outdoor Work with Cutting Tools Outdoor volunteer tasks may include activities such as trimming, pruning, clearing brush, or other tasks requiring hand tools or cutting tools.

For youth ages 11–13 only:

_____ My group would like to participate in outdoor work that may involve the use of cutting tools.

_____ My group will not participate in any activities involving cutting tools.

Understanding of Safety Requirements

Please confirm the following by checking or highlighting:

___ I understand that supervision ratios vary by age and activity, and I agree to comply with all supervision requirements listed above.

___ I understand that cutting tool use is restricted based on age and that my child will only be permitted to participate in activities appropriate for their age group.

___ I understand that the organization may limit or modify my child's volunteer activities to ensure safety.

Volunteer Projects

We offer a variety of group opportunities and tasks. Please circle all projects your group would be interested in:

- Gardening (weeding, watering, planting)
- Trail Work (mulching, log moving, trimming vegetation with pruners, loppers, and hand saws)
- Ecological Restoration (weeding, planting, cutting invasive shrubs, seed collecting/spreading)
- Program Assistance (material prep, cleaning, and organization)

Day of Logistics:

Please list any special needs, such as mobility, accessibility, allergies, audio/visual impairments:

Lunch Accommodations:

Lyman Woods has two outdoor picnic areas that can accommodate between 15 and 80 people. These picnic areas may be available depending on other program needs and weather. We also have an indoor space that can fit up to 40 people seated, pending availability.

- Will your group need space for lunch? Yes / No
- If yes for lunch, please list estimated number of people _____
- Location of Program: Lyman Woods / Belmont Prairie
- Transportation (how will your volunteers be arriving to the site?): Carpool / Bus / Individual Vehicles
- Please note that Lyman Woods has maximum 40 spots and may be limited due to programs and other visitors. Belmont Prairie has about 40 parking spots in the area.
 - How many vehicles do you expect will need parking? _____

Additional Information

Anything else we should know about your group? _____

Office Use Only:

Today's Date: _____

Taken By: _____