

VOLUNTEER

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Houston Arboretum
& Nature Center

Now's a great time to start!
Join us Saturday, September 9 for our
Fall Volunteer Orientation. Call or
email for more information!

EXPAND

your knowledge of the natural world

IGNITE

the wonder of nature in others

ENJOY

meeting new people and working
with fellow nature lovers

JOIN

with people to help nature, improve
your community, and make a
difference

DISCOVER

a world of benefits

VOLUNTEER

at the Houston Arboretum
& Nature Center

It's the natural thing to do!

volunteer@houstonarboretum.org

Become an AMIGO of the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center!

AMIGOs are volunteers who help us carry out our mission to provide nature education to people of all ages and to protect and enhance the Nature Center as a sanctuary for native plants and animals. AMIGOs assist with tasks both inside and outdoors, weekdays and weekends.



Volunteers share their enthusiasm and love for the natural world through school tours and weekend programs.

AMIGOs pay annual dues of \$20 which includes both membership to the AMIGO organization and the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center. Benefits include subscription to a monthly volunteer newsletter and HANC members' bi-monthly newsletter, Nature 101 education classes, semi-annual social events, field trips, and recognition events.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & FALL TRAINING DATES



SCHOOL TOUR GUIDES

School Tour Guides lead a group of 10 kids with their chaperone on a discovery trek, modeling appropriate behavior, and helping the children learn about nature through an activity for their specific grade level.

Training includes 3 sessions from 9 a.m. to noon: September 7, 12, & 14.

DISCOVERY ROOM TEAM

A great way to learn about nature is by working in the Discovery Room to greet and assist visitors. Weekday shifts are morning or afternoon, weekend shifts are 2 or 4 hours. We are especially in need of volunteers to help on weekends.

Training: September 23 from 9 to 11 a.m. (can also be arranged as needed)

WEEKEND TOUR GUIDES

Introduce visitors to the beauty of HANC by leading free public tours one Saturday a month.

Training starts Sunday, September 17 from 2 to 4 p.m.

TRAIL WORK & GARDENING

Get out, get dirty and help nature! Help HANC staff work on conservation projects on our 155 acre nature sanctuary!

Work on Thursday mornings from 9 am to noon or at our monthly Saturday work parties. **Trail Work: Hands-on training Thursday mornings; Saturdays 8 a.m. – noon: Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2**

GARDENING

Gardeners work on Wednesday and Friday mornings on projects in the Sensory Garden and Wildlife Garden areas.

Learn the secrets of attracting hummingbirds and butterflies with native plants. **Hands-on training Wednesday and Friday mornings, 9 a.m. – noon.**

NATURALIST EXPLORERS/ECOTRACKERS ASSISTANTS

Assist the staff naturalist with these Saturday classes which include indoor and outdoor activities for children (Naturalist Explorers – ages 5-8, EcoTrackers – ages 9-12). Contact Justen Walker at jwalker@houstonarboretum.org for more information.

SPECIAL EVENTS – ArBOOretum (October 28) & Arbor Day (January 20, 2007)

Help with event planning or just at the event itself! For more information or to volunteer call Lori Hutson at 713-366-0375 or email volunteer@houstonarboretum.org to sign up!

HISTORIAN –

Organize and display the history of HANC in a scrapbook. This is a flexible job that can be done at home or here at HANC. For more information or to volunteer contact Lori Hutson at volunteer@houstonarboretum.org

AMIGO NEWSLETTER –

Use your creative skills to produce a calendar for the AMIGO Newsletter each month (using MS Powerpoint) or help with layout and graphic design of pages (MS Word). This job is flexible and can be done at HANC or at your home or work. For more information contact Lori Hutson at volunteer@houstonarboretum.org

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT -

Help HANC staff with everything from filing, maintaining our volunteer records and database, making phone calls, updating contacts, and more. Tell us a day and time that's good for you! Contact Lori at volunteer@houstonarboretum.org

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