



College & High School Opportunities at Naples Botanical Garden

Please visit the website to learn about us prior to your volunteer duty. www.naplesgarden.org

Click on Support— Click on Volunteer To schedule volunteer hours please contact by email:
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Before Arrival:

We are committed to the 'learning' in Service Learning & will make every attempt to satisfy the requirements of Colloquium class volunteer hours as well as for the 40 or 80 volunteer hour requirements! When you are volunteering at the Garden, it is our hope that you will be able to visit the garden, learn about plants, flowering trees, natural preserves, sustainability and Florida ecosystems; you will leave with an understanding of what a botanical garden is all about and how it has a critical niche in the sustainability of plant communities.

We need at least 3 business days lead time to plan our schedules.

We do not schedule 10-hour days, only 5 hours at a time, unless there is a Special Event; once in a while double & triple hours are offered.

Business Days are Monday – Friday 8am to 5pm. If you leave a phone message or email after 5:00pm regarding the next day, understand that no one will respond until the next day.

Day of Arrival:

We ask that you bring a water bottle, wear sunscreen and bring a snack if you like. Mosquito repellent is available.

It is important to be on time. Other peoples' schedules are hard to interrupt once we get the workday started. **However**, if you cannot make your appointment time at the LAST MINUTE OR YOU ARE GOING TO BE LATE, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU CALL for weekdays - 239-248-2015 for weekends please call (239) 643-7275

HORTICULTURE WORK:

Weekdays 8am-1pm

Weekends 9am-2pm

Includes: weeding, potting, moving plants to different locations, digging, raking, sweeping, clearing debris, etc. The range of work varies from strenuous to light work - however this does require stamina. You will be outdoors in the extreme heat - we ask that you pace yourself & not push yourself. Please bring (and drink) plenty of water, garden/work gloves, clothes that can get dirty but are still presentable, tennis or closed toe shoes. Please no short shorts or tank tops.

Children's Garden Assistant:

Weekdays & Weekends

9am-2:00pm & Noon-5:00pm

Includes: welcoming visitors into the Children's Garden, safety watch, monitoring the butterfly house, light horticultural work (planting, weeding, removing dead plant material). Must be comfortable engaging with public of all ages (children & adults). Must wear white shirt with collar, khaki bottoms, tennis or closed toe shoes. No short shorts. The Garden will loan you a volunteer apron & name tag.

Special Events:

As Needed

Includes: public engagement, assisting with admissions, directing traffic, carrying plant purchases, children's activities. And helping visitors find their way. Must enjoy interacting with the public. Must wear white shirt with collar, khaki bottoms, tennis or closed toe shoes, no short shorts. The Garden will loan you a volunteer apron & name tag.
NEED WEDNESDAYS 4:30 pm— 8:00pm. Interact with visitors in a helpful way. 5 hours credit for 3 1/2 hrs.

Herbarium Assistant

What's an Herbarium?

An Herbarium is a collection of preserved plant specimen which is arranged for archival storage. The specimens are stored on sheets which are later pressed and dried. Dr. George Wilder, Curator of the Herbarium at NBG is looking for students to commit 2 hours to assist in preparing sheets.
Tasks include: carrying sheets from cabinet to cabinet, organizing archives, assisting with pressing process & other tasks as needed. This opportunity is great for students who are interested in learning about Floridian Flora in a more in depth setting!

We thank you & hope your experience here will be enjoyable!