Volunteer Opportunities

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Tues. February 18th at 6pm - Interpretive Training with Kris. Come meet the new ranger in the interp section for a meet and greet. We will cover new and old programs we would like to offer this season. Kris will be gauging volunteer skills, willingness, and availability w/ an emphasis on the months of March and April to get programs started. If further experience is needed, there will be further training opportunities with Kris and the naturalist to build confidence in presenting a program or to learn how to create a program of your own! Meet at CMSP Visitor Center.



Wed. March 4th at 1-3pm - iNaturalist App Training. Mueller is hosting a training session on learning the iNaturalist app that logs all of nature's biodiversity. Great training to help us with the upcoming City Nature Challenge! **Meets at Mueller State Park Visitor Center, RSVP to Linda.Groat@state.co.us



Tues. March 10th at 6pm - Bring a Friend Park Social! Guided Hike (weather dependent) at 4pm Who is the family, friend, or neighbor in your life that you share your park experiences with? Know someone who could use a new hobby, some camaraderie, or just time outside in their life? Invite them to this Park Social to hear highlights from other volunteers, info on the different opportunities, and share in favorite food dishes! Meets at CMSP Visitor Center.

I'm seeking VOLUNTEERS to help me in these

efforts! Please email me if you are interested in sharing a personal volunteer experience or making a special dish to share (chip dip? dessert? family favorite? etc)

Tues. March 10th at 5pm - New Volunteer Orientation. Learn what it means to be a CPW volunteer, with info on upcoming projects and training dates. **Meet at SE Region 4255 Sinton Rd, RSVP to <u>Jena.Sanchez@state.co.us</u>

Thurs. March 12th at 4-6pm - Bear Aware Training. Learn how CPW staff and volunteers conduct neighborhood outreach including bear aware messaging. **Meet at SE Region 4255 Sinton Rd, RSVP to <u>Jena.Sanchez@state.co.us</u>

Sat. April 4th from 9am to 2pm - Trail Crew Training. Interested in joining our all-volunteer crew of "Trail Dogs" with trail repairs, maintenance, and corridor clearing? This training session will



teach you all you need to know to be a part of this incredible team! We'll start indoors with a classroom session from 9am to 11:30am and then take a break for lunch. At 12:15pm, weather permitting, we will take a trail walk to point out possible issues and talk about best practices for repair. Good, sustainable trails don't happen by accident! Anyone under the age of 15 yrs must be accompanied by an adult. Meets at CMSP Visitor Center.

Worried about the time commitment? Trail work is one of the most flexible volunteer opportunities, as our Trail Dogs have dates scheduled from March through October. Workdays vary, switching between

weekdays and weekends, with occasional evenings also scheduled. This training session is highly recommended before heading out with the team for the first time!

Tues. April 21st (NEW Meeting date, 3rd Tuesday of the month) at 6pm - Monthly Volunteer Meeting. We will cover a training session on how to use the iNaturalist app to record observations in preparation for the upcoming City Nature Challenge. Meet at CMSP Visitor Center.

City Nature Challenge - April 24-27th. This challenge uses the app iNaturalist to record the flora and fauna found in Colorado Springs. This is a city-wide event that competes on a worldwide level!! The park will be participating, so save the dates and watch for more info on how you can help!