

On Going Opportunities

Adopt-a-Spot

The Environmental Division is looking for adventurous individuals that love to work outdoors to adopt areas of the Elkhart Environmental Center, Boot Lake and the Hudson-Sterling Restoration Area. Tasks would include weeding, non-native species removal, litter clean up and other maintenance tasks.



Adopt-a-Trail

Nature lovers are invited to adopt trails at the Elkhart Environmental Center, Boot Lake, Woodlawn Nature Center and along the River Greenway Trail. Volunteers are needed to 'adopt' trails monthly to clear fallen limbs and debris, remove trash and notify the Elkhart Environmental Division of large obstacles that may be blocking trails.



Leading Field Trip Hikes

If you enjoy sharing your passion for the environment and outdoors the Environmental Division needs your help. Field trip hike leaders are needed to take students on hikes during their field trips to the Environmental Center. Times vary and a training is required.

Environmental Volunteer Fair

Are you interested in the environment and looking to get more involved in your community? Then come to the Environmental Volunteer Fair on Tuesday, September 15th from 4pm to 7pm at the Elkhart Environmental Center where we will be connecting people, places and nature. Environmental organizations from around the area will be displaying information on their mission and how you can get involved. Admission is free.

Friday Restoration Days

Every Friday, the Environmental Division staff performs restoration on one of the natural sites in Elkhart; the Elkhart Environmental Center, Boot Lake Nature Preserve, and Hudson Sterling Restoration Area. Volunteers are needed. Times vary. For more details, or to sign up you or your group for service, please call the Elkhart Environmental Center.

River Monitoring

The Environmental Division staff tests the quality of the river quarterly through biological, physical and chemical tests. If you are interested in participating and learning more about how to test river quality call the Elkhart Environmental Center. One or two participants are needed.

Volunteer Days

Saint Joseph River Clean Up

Saturday, September 12th 9:30am-3:30pm

Join the Elkhart Environmental Division for the 14th annual St. Joseph

River Clean Up on September 12th, from 9:30am to 4:00pm beginning at Island Park.

Volunteers will be on the river and surrounding area collecting litter. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Be sure to dress for the weather and wear closed-toed shoes. Registration is

strongly encouraged.



Boot Lake/EEC Volunteer Day

Saturday, September 19th 9am-3pm

Bring your family and friends out to beautify our natural areas. The Elkhart Environmental Division is holding a volunteer day to clean up the Elkhart Environmental Center and Boot Lake Nature Preserve on September 19th from 9am-3pm. Please bring a lunch.

Science Spooktacular

Friday & Saturday, October 9th & 10th TBA

Volunteers are needed to help man the Elkhart Environmental Division activities during ETHOS Science Spooktacular. Volunteers will help educate visitors on the value of our wetlands and groundwater.

Airport Community Garden Clean up

Saturday, October 17th 9am-1pm

Help prepare the gardens for the winter and the 2010 growing season.

Volunteers are needed to pull vegetation, weed trails, till, rake out the garden, beautify the garden spaces and lay a cover crop. Everyone is welcome to join us as we get our hands in the dirt.



Monster Hike Volunteers

Thursday, October 29th 11am-12pm

Volunteers are needed during the Halloween season for our Monster Hike. We are looking for individuals who enjoy education and would like to teach kids a few facts about some of our critters that we have here at the EEC. Volunteers are encouraged to wear a costume and will be passing out candy.

America Recycles Day Fall Fest & Pumpkin Smash

Saturday, November 7th 1pm-4pm

Volunteers are needed to lead activities and serve snacks during our annual Fall Fest and Pumpkin Smash. This years activities are on November 7th from 1-4pm at the Elkhart Environmental Center.



If you are interested in participating in any of these events or would like more information please call the Elkhart Environmental Center at 293-5070.

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If you would like more information on any of these volunteer opportunities please give us a call or email at:
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