



VOLUNTEER EVENT ASSISTANT

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

Position Description:

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance the landscape from Seattle across the Cascade Mountains to Central Washington, ensuring a long-term balance between people and nature.

The Greenway Trust Volunteer Program is seeking Volunteer Assistants to help lead Saturday volunteer stewardship events. The Program currently coordinates several hundred volunteer events each year conducting tree planting, invasive plant removal, trail work and other enhancements on public lands in the corridor. Volunteer Assistants will be integrally involved in ensuring that we run high quality volunteer events. Tasks include motivating volunteers, ensuring event safety, helping educate the volunteers and ensuring quality work. This position is ideal for someone passionate about environmental stewardship and interested in furthering their outdoor leadership experience.

Reports to: Volunteer Program Coordinator

Responsibilities: The Volunteer Program Volunteer Assistants are responsible for the following:

- Provide extra guidance at volunteer stewardship events, including both environmental restoration and trail work
- Help educate volunteers about the Greenway, environmental stewardship, project work techniques, and safety protocol
- Motivate volunteers while making sure they are following the proper safety guidelines
- Ensure the work being done is of a high quality
- Attend all required trainings

Qualifications:

- Familiarity with the Greenway Trust or outdoor volunteer opportunities preferred
- Outdoor leadership experience preferred
- Strong communication and people skills
- Dependability
- Willingness to learn new skills
- Must be able to provide your own transportation to event
- Must attend a mandatory training in late March or early April, prior to the start of your assistantship

Work Schedule:

Assist with set up, event leadership, and breakdown at Saturday volunteer events (typically from 8:30am – 4pm). Must be able to commit to 8 Saturdays a year.

Working Location and Conditions:

Project sites are typically along the I-90 corridor from Mercer Island to North Bend, although additional sites may be in other areas of the Greenway. You will be working outdoors all times of the year, rain or shine, so expect to work in adverse weather conditions.

Benefits:

- An opportunity to develop your leadership skills as well as hone in on the finer aspects of running volunteer events
- Learn about trail maintenance and environmental restoration techniques by attending various trainings throughout the year
- A Volunteer Assistant vest denoting you as a leader at our volunteer
- Special recognition on our website or facebook page
- Other Deals

How to apply:

Please fill out the online application found at www.mtsgreenway.org/volunteer/volunteer_assistant . If you have any questions about the position or application process, you can either e-mail Jeanmarie "Jema" Hayes at volunteer@mtsgreenway.org or call 206.812.0122 with your questions. A phone or personal interview will be required.

Please note that this is an unpaid volunteer position with the Greenway Trust.

About the Greenway Trust:

The Mountains to Sound Greenway connects natural areas, trails, working farms and forests, historic towns and communities, wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities from Seattle across the Cascade Mountains to Central Washington. The Greenway provides easy access to recreation and nature for millions of people in the Northwest, key to the quality of life in this region.

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust leads and inspires action to conserve and enhance this landscape, ensuring a long-term balance between people and nature. Founded in 1991, the Greenway Trust works to promote public land acquisitions, connect a continuous regional trail system, teach people of all ages about the importance of conserving forests and wildlife, improve recreation access, create new parks and trails and mobilize thousands of volunteers.

More information on the Greenway Trust can be found at www.mtsgreenway.org