



Mission Statement

To enhance the programs and services of the Department of Recreation and Parks with additional resources while providing an opportunity for the citizens of Howard County to contribute to their community.

To sign up or get additional information about the programs, contact

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Making a Difference!

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

To volunteer you must:

- **Be at least 18 years of age or have parental consent (ages 13 –17).**
- **Complete the Volunteer Application.**
- **Be a good role model with a positive attitude.**



**Howard County
Department of
Recreation and Parks**

**FALL - 2009
VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**

Pooches Pool Party

Age 16+ / Saturday, Sept 12 (rain date 9/13)

This unique canine-only swim will wrap up the “Dog Daze” of summer. Pooches and their pals (the human kind) are invited to paddle and play before the pool is closed for the season. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, monitor the gate and give out raffle tickets. Volunteers do not swim. Volunteers should be canine-friendly and able to handle dogs and a dog environment.

Roger Carter Recreation Center Pool
9am—Noon and/or noon—3pm

Family Volunteer Day

All ages / Saturday, Sept 19 (rain date 9/26) Join family and friends at the 10th Annual Family Volunteer Day. This day has been designated by the Points of Light Foundation as a time for families and friends, and scout and religious organizations to increase your sense of unity by performing tasks that will improve your community. Spend quality time together and teach children about caring as you help beautify local parks and historic sites. Bring a canned good or paper product for distribution to the Howard County Food Bank.
County parks
9am-noon

Harvest Harrier 5K

Age 16+ / Saturday, Oct 3

A cross-country race unlike any in the area. Volunteers are needed to perform various duties from course marshal, race greeter or assist with setting up the race.

Rockburn Branch Park (Montgomery Rd entrance), 8:30 am—11:30 am

The Great Snipe Hunt

Age 16+ / Saturday, Oct 3

Gather round the campfire, make a craft and take a wagon ride and hear the story of the infamous, hard to catch, “Howard County Snipe”, the largest of the snipe species. Then venture into the woods in search of this elusive creature. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, check in, assist with activities, monitor the wagon ride and clean up. Volunteers should dress for weather and exposure to outdoor elements. People with allergies – please note that there is a large amount of hay.

Rockburn Branch Park (Montgomery Road entrance)
5 pm- 9:30 pm

Multi Sport Adventure Challenge

Age 16 + / Sunday, Oct 25

This is a USA Triathlon Sanctioned Event - Endurance will be tested in a fun outdoor multi-sport (kayak or canoe 1 mile, mountain bike 6 miles, trail run 2 miles) adventure challenge. Volunteers will assist with registration, directing traffic, course marshals and finish crew line.

Centennial Park
6am-2pm

The Haunted Experience

Age 16+ dates & times listed below

An ink black night will set the stage for a spooky hay ride through the ghostly trails at Rockburn Branch Park. The evening will feature haunting tales of ghosts and goblins and horror that will tingle the spine! Volunteers are needed to dress as “characters” and serve as hay ride escorts.

Rockburn Branch Park
Friday 5pm - 10 pm / October 16, 23, 30
Saturday 5pm - 10 pm / October 17, 24
Sunday 1pm—4 pm / October 18, 25

Holiday Mart

Age 16+ / Saturday Dec 5

Enjoy the 36th year of this favorite annual Howard County event! Seasonal gifts and merchandise created by 130 juried artisans will be available for purchase. We will have door prizes and a children’s craft corner. Volunteers are needed to assist with set up, monitor rooms, assist with children’s activities and monitor the parking situation.

4.5 hour shifts: 9am-1:30 pm or 1:30 pm –6 pm
Centennial High School

Cougar Time After School Program

Age 16+ / Sept—May

Cougar Time is an after school program for students in grades 6-8. The program focuses on academics and social development. Consider sharing a skill or a talent with the students. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to teach and instruct in various recreational pursuits as well as assist the students in gaining exposure to various leisure, sports and recreational activities.

Harper’s Choice Middle School
Monday – Thursday / hours are flexible
4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

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