

A to Z Art Trail Collaboration

FAQ's for Robinson Volunteers

Project Background

Robinson Nature Center is collaborating with Howard County's Recreational Licensed Childcare Division (RLC) and the Library to create an A to Z nature trail that will be installed along the Robinson Nature Center's trails. The A to Z nature trail's purpose is to encourage literacy and the enjoyment of nature.

Robinson volunteers will play an integral role in this project. Volunteers will read a children's book at RLC centers. After hearing the stories, children will create artwork inspired by what they heard and saw. This artwork will be used to create signage for the A to Z trail.

Presentations

Where You Could Go: RLC has centers at local elementary and middle schools. Based on the hours of your availability and the location of the schools, you can select up to three schools at which you would be interested in reading a story.

Presentation format: We ask that volunteers, at a minimum, are willing to read the story to the children. We encourage volunteers to augment the storytime with a short presentation using natural objects, pelts, mounts, etc. that could further inspire the children's artwork or play off the theme of the book.

Presentation schedule: Once all volunteers have expressed interest, you will be matched with a Center. Marisa will let you know which Center you are matched with, and will provide you with the contact email for the Center's Director. The RLC Directors are aware they will be receiving emails directly from you so that you may schedule your presentation based on your availability.

Artwork specifications: All artwork must not exceed the size of 11 x 17. Each piece of artwork should be labeled on the back with an Avery 5160 label that shows the child's first and last name, age and RLC Center that he/she attends. Artwork can be 2D or 3D, but must be able to be scanned on a flatbed scanner. Children are welcome to use crayons, markers, paint, tissue paper, construction paper cut outs and other materials that the Center has available for arts and crafts projects. Artwork materials will be provided by the RLC Centers.

Timeline: Nature/Storytime presentations will be scheduled between the end of April and the end of May 2017.