2022 Volunteer Opportunities and FAQs

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1.) Weekly Volunteer Sessions: Starting April 1, 2022

These garden work sessions each have their own garden “leader” who can help answer any questions.

You can find these opportunities on our Hands on Connect portal. Please “express interest” there on any projects you are interested in!

• The Lane Ave. Gardens
  Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m.
  Garden Leader: Joe Stewart at Gardenjoestew@gmail.com

• Cancer Survivors Plaza
  First and Third Wednesdays of the month, 9-11 a.m.
  Garden Leader: Hope Weber at jhopeweber@gmail.com

• The Learning Gardens
  Thursdays 9-11 a.m.
  Garden Leader: Chris Tilton at ctilton@columbus.rr.com

• Pollinator Habitat at Arboretum North
  Fridays 9:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.
  Garden Leader: Lori Kingston at lk518@att.net

Research Volunteering:

• Tree Mapping and Inventory
  Thursdays, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

  Project lead: Shayne Packet at packet.1@buckeyemail.osu.edu
  There is a 1-hour recorded training we’d like to you watch before you start, watch here: https://youtu.be/FM7LWKsJixk
• **Cultivar Trials**  
  Mondays and Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
  Garden Leader: Anna Williamson at Williamson.596@osu.edu  
  Hands on Connect has multiple opportunities listed!

**Additional Volunteering Opportunities:**

1. **Monitor biodiversity at Arboretum North using the iNaturalist app**  
   Volunteers can earn hours volunteering just by taking photos!  
   Visit Arboretum North to make iNaturalist observations anytime - the entire project can be viewed here.

2. **Chadwick’s Virtual Presence**  
   Have an interest in helping Chadwick maintain our virtual presence? Depending on your interest, you could help with hosting webinars, assisting with our social media, creating flyers, etc. Contact Julia Wilson for more information at Wilson.4615@osu.edu

3. **Event and Tour Planning and Staging**  
   Chadwick Arboretum staff and volunteers host tables at events around campus, lead tours of our gardens, hold an enormous 3-day Spring Plant Sale, and have many other events throughout the year. Volunteers help do it all! Email Julia Wilson at Wilson.4615@osu.edu if you’d like to be added to the email list of folks who help with these.

**Volunteering Guidelines**

**Release of Claims and Photo Release:**

Volunteers must complete the *Release of All Claims* document and return to Julia Wilson. We will have copies at the volunteer sessions. If you are willing, please also submit the Photo Release form.

**Background Check:**

Ohio State University requires that volunteers at Chadwick Arboretum complete a background check (online). This is because you are playing such a major role with us! Master Gardener Volunteers and CURRENT Ohio State University staff/faculty/students do not need to complete one, as they have already done so.

The cost varies based on where you lived previously, but it typically costs around $25.00. It is just a quick application, but results may take 2-3 weeks to come back to us. We try to make up for our volunteers taking on this fee with by
providing continuing education opportunities throughout the year and special events. Please note, we have to wait to have you out until your background check is complete.

FAQs

1.) How do I park?

There are very detailed parking instructions are included on page 4 and 5. Please print or keep these instructions handy your first time doing it.

Any questions at all, please don’t hesitate to reach out to Julia (513-593-0746) or email our office at Chadwick.osu.edu

Just a few notes:

Parking is handled by CampusParc, not OSU or the Arboretum. However, CampusParc has been incredible partners in giving the arboretum many free parking passes each year for our volunteers only.

Since we are restricted with how we use our funds, we are not permitted to pay for parking citations received while volunteering, unfortunately. However, if you receive a warning or a citation, please let us know! We can help you with an appeal or troubleshooting what went wrong.

Call Julia Wilson at (513) 593-0746 if you have any questions, issues, or concerns that arise while you are parking.

2.) Will Chadwick provide the tools?

For our weekly garden sessions that are hosted by Chadwick staff, all the tools you will need are provided. If you volunteer on your own time (Adopt-a-Bed), then you will need to bring your own tools.

Many volunteers bring their own favorite tools for working in the garden, though, and you are encouraged to bring those items that make gardening more comfortable for you – gloves, boots, kneeling pads, etc.
3.) **Can I bring a friend?**

Yes! If the person wants to continue volunteering, we will ask them to sign up as an official Chadwick Volunteer and they may need to complete a background check.

4.) **Will there be restrooms or water access?**

Yes! University buildings are usually open M-F, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. and you can use whatever building is closest to where you are working.

The Agriculture Administration building by the Lane Ave Gardens even has a café when school is in session!

When indoors, a mask must be worn regardless of your vaccination status.

5.) **What are the current COVID-19 safety guidelines?**

- You will need a mask if you are indoors, but otherwise are not required to wear one outdoors.

- Please be aware of how you are feeling before coming out. Take your temperature and stay home if you have a cough or any symptoms of COVID-19.

**Parking while you volunteer**

*Is free!*

1. Go to the parking kiosk in the Agricultural Administration Building parking lot. (note: In Google Maps, you can type in Agriculture Administration Building and it will take you directly there)

2. **Enter your license plate number.**

3. When prompted, enter your Chadwick Arboretum parking voucher. Please contact Julia Wilson if you do not know this code.

4. **Park with your license plate facing out, so CampusParc can see that your license plate** when driving by.
Notes:
- Your parking will be free for the whole day now for any A, B or C spot.
- All surface lots will have a sign indicating where the A (faculty) B (staff) or C (student) spots are.
- Do not park at a metered spot or anything else (like “R” or “Visitor”) that indicates it is different from an A, B, or C spot.