

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge

Volunteer Program

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Make a difference in a child's life-naturally! Join our Environmental Education Team.



Wanted: Environmental Education Assistants

Tamarac's education program is growing. We need you to assist our Environmental Education leaders. Our program currently serves local kindergarten and third graders who visit the refuge three times during the school year. We are hoping to continue this educational experience into 5th grade as well. At the same time, the demand for programming from other area schools is increasing. **Please consider joining us in fostering the next generation of conservation stewards.**

What our EE team members say:



"Our Environmental Education team is a fun group! As a volunteer I have had the opportunity to share my love of the outdoors with young people. I have seen the excitement on the faces of the youth as they explore, study, and learn. It's truly rewarding to watch children make a connection with nature." Connie Carlson



"It's easy to share something you love." Terra Huff

"It is enjoyable to see children get so excited when they see a bird or other animal. Hopefully they learn from our teaching to save the environment for the next generation growing up."

Jim DuBay

"Not only does the Environmental Education program get the kids outdoors to enjoy nature, but we get to enjoy it with them and awaken our senses to the beauty of Tamarac." Fran Mattson

Examples of duties and activities:

- Working with a small group of children on a photography scavenger hunt-making sure they know how to use the cameras and guiding them on their assignment.
- Assist with planting trees.
- Assist with an active game, making sure they are following the game "rules."
- Putting snowshoes on a child.
- Working with a small group on a "Bio-blitz" activity to guide and keep them on task. (measuring tree circumference, documenting weather observations etc)
- Keeping the class together on a nature hike.
- Assist leader in set-up, distribute and collect activity materials, (clipboards, cameras, pencils, GPS units,etc.), take down at end of day and prepare materials for next group.

