

Prospect Park Volunteer Corps: Volunteer Leader

Are you a natural leader overflowing with energy? Do you love Prospect Park and enjoy interacting with people of all ages and backgrounds? Do you have an interest in leading volunteer activities in Prospect Park? Become a Volunteer Leader with the Prospect Park Alliance and share your passion with our community!

As a Volunteer Leader, you will donate your time by assisting our staff in managing volunteer projects from start to finish. This includes helping our team setup our project areas, facilitating check-in, teaching new volunteers about the park, as well as ensuring all participants are following proper Parks Dept. procedures. Volunteer projects at Prospect Park include a range of landscaping & maintenance tasks using a variety of tools to remove invasive weeds, collect litter, paint park benches, etc. Volunteer Leaders are integral members of the Volunteer Department and provide crucial input into how best we can serve both the park and our Volunteer Corps. *Please note: this is an unpaid volunteer position.*

Commitment:

- Volunteer Leaders must participate in at least 8 projects per season (Sept-Nov '17 and Apr-Aug '18) preferably at least 1 per month
- Must be available for the duration of projects, typically 4-6 hours, both on weekdays and weekends
- Must sign up for volunteer leader projects online at least one month in advance
- Act as a peer leader, communicating concerns from volunteers to staff and vice versa.
- Serve as an ambassador for the Prospect Park Alliance and the Volunteer Dept. to volunteers and the public

Requirements:

- Be in good physical condition—able to traverse park terrain and lift 15 lbs over a period of time
- Experience participating in at least two previous Prospect Park volunteer events
- Reachable by phone and email
- Reliable access to the internet
- Attend the 3-hour **Mandatory Fall Training Workshop (Tuesday, September 12th 5:30pm-8:30pm)**

Qualifications:

- Good customer service skills and experience working with the public
- Excellent communicator with a positive attitude
- Able to independently lead a group as well as work in a team
- Previous outdoor/gardening/landscaping experience preferred
- Basic weed identification knowledge or a willingness to learn
- Experience in using various hand tools and able to use them effectively and safely

Benefits:

- Invitation to participate in special events and trips
- Complimentary Prospect Park Alliance membership

If interested, please complete the application form listed on our website here:

<https://www.prospectpark.org/get-involved/volunteer/become-volunteer-leader/>.

The deadline to apply for the 2017-2018 season is **July 31st, 2017**.