

## Prospect Park Volunteer Corps: Volunteer Leader

Are you interested in giving back to your community in a unique and exciting way? Are you a natural leader overflowing with energy? Do you love Prospect Park and enjoy interacting with people of all ages and backgrounds? 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, and more! This is a great opportunity for volunteers to develop leadership skills and meet like-minded individuals, or share the skills you already have with other volunteers and staff. ***Please note: this is an unpaid volunteer position.***

### Commitment:

- Volunteer Leaders must participate in at least 8 projects throughout our active season, which runs September – November 2018 and April – August 2019, 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

### Benefits:

- The chance to work alongside some of Prospect Park's staff to learn about the park's natural resources and improve your fieldwork skills
- Invitations to participate in special events and trips
- A Complimentary Prospect Park Alliance membership
- A unique stewardship opportunity to sustain and improve Prospect Park in a substantial way

### Requirements:

- Be in good physical condition—able to traverse park terrain and lift 15 lbs over a period of time
- Ability to work in all weather conditions, including rain and cold
- Experience participating in at least two previous Prospect Park volunteer events
- Reachable by phone and email and have reliable access to the internet
- Attend the **Mandatory Fall Training Workshop (Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> 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

The deadline to apply for the 2018-2019 season is **July 31st, 2018**. If interested, please complete the [application form](#) and email it to [Volunteer@prospectpark.org](mailto:Volunteer@prospectpark.org) or mail to:

Volunteer Department  
Attn: Volunteer Leader Program  
Prospect Park Alliance  
95 Prospect Park West  
Brooklyn, NY 11215

**Application Form**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you above 18 years old?                      Yes                      No

Are you able to lift 15 pounds?                      Yes                      No

Can you attend the training on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> (5:30 – 8:30pm)?                      Yes                      No

Are you able to volunteer 1 day per month between September and August?                      Yes                      No

Why do you want to be a volunteer leader?

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What experience do you have in being in a leadership role? How long have you been in this position?

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What experience do you have in customer service? (Please answer in 2 sentences or more)

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What experience do you have working outdoors? (Example: gardening, horticulture, farming, other volunteer work, etc):

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Please provide the contact information for two references:

**Reference 1:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference 2:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_