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 28th 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 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 28th (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: _________________________________________