

## Volunteer at Marshy Point

Come Grow With Us - Volunteer at Marshy Point Nature Center

Share your enthusiasm, learn something new, teach others, get outdoors, and meet folks who care as much as you do. All our volunteers are invited to monthly excursions (see our calendar for what's coming up). Be a part of the growing Marshy Point Nature Center community! Contact us for more information about these and other opportunities. Current Volunteer Opportunities:

**Trail Guides**We will help you become comfortable with teaching children about nature. Trail guide training is provided the first week of September and the first week of February. Contact:Kirk Dreier, Director

**kdreier@baltimorecountymd.gov Writers**Our "Cattails" newsletter is published four times a year: September, December, March, and June. The writing and editing staff meets six weeks before deadline to plan each issue. Individual writing and editing tasks are assigned to volunteers. Lay-out and production are handled by the office staff. Meet once quarterly, and write at your leisure before the editing deadline Contact:Joan Grabowski, Editor

**editor@marshypoint.org IT/Web Committee**The IT/Web Committee meets with staff once monthly to make updates and changes to marshypoint.org. Individual writing and editing tasks are assigned to volunteers. Lay-out and production are handled by the office staff and our webmaster. Meet once monthly, and write at your leisure before the editing deadline. Contact:Werner Dirla, Editor

**werner@marshypoint.org**

**Event Hosts**From the Popsicle Plunge to Spring and Fall Festivals and everything in between, many events at Marshy Point need volunteers to help make visitors feel at home. You can help by manning the welcome tent or coordinating activities, or helping set-up / break-down equipment. Time commitment: Shifts and needs vary for each event.

Contact:Kirk Dreier, Director

**kdreier@baltimorecountymd.gov Other Committees****Green Team Committee**As our center grows, so does our potential to harm the surrounding environment. The Green Team, chaired by Director Kirk Dreier works to improve the park and nature center with focus on lowering our environmental impact and that of our visitors. Contact:Kirk Dreier, Director

**kdreier@baltimorecountymd.gov Membership Committee**Phone, mail, and email are all essential aspects of staying in touch, and regularly touching base with our members is vital to keeping our efforts effective. Sharing Marshy Point with new folks is a huge part of ensuring the preservation of this invaluable resource. Casual meetings (about 1-3 hours/month) Contact:Vera Reiner, Committee Chair

**membership@marshypoint.org Exhibit Committee**Exhibit committee works with center staff in designing and implementing exhibits for Marshy Point Nature Center:. Meetings occur during the weekday and are set up as needed. Experience is helpful but not necessary. Contact:Kirk Dreier, Director

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**Teen Volunteers**If you are a student 13 years old or older who loves the outdoors, this program is for you. Teens interested should call the center to set up an interview. Teen volunteers assist with animal care, weekend programs, council committee projects, and special events. After a years service the time you spend volunteering can be applied toward service learning graduation requirements! Marsh Rangers are given opportunities to attend special events like hiking and canoe trips, workboat daytrips, and other excursions. Marsh Rangers are expected to put in at least one day a week. Contact:Kirk Dreier, Director

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**MPNC Internships**Marshy Point Nature Center is looking for talented college and high school students to help with running programs, promoting events, and updating and maintaining our exhibits (including animal exhibits). Good candidates are those interested in the outdoors or the natural sciences and also have good communication skills. We accept only on a first come first serve basis. Contact:Kirk Dreier, Director

**kdreier@baltimorecountymd.gov Scouts**Scouts are a huge help to the Center. We have had nearly 20 Eagle Scout projects since we opened in 2000! Here's a quick run-down of our current project ideas for scouts...

- a self-guided interpretive trail (numbered posts that correspond to an informative pamphlet about each site)
  - owl boxes and/or nesting boxes for other birds (purple martin houses, and/or an osprey platform for example, built into the creek bottom)
  - a man-made wetland garden with interpretive signs at the front of the center (this is a naturally wet spot that could be landscaped to make a more permanent wetland)
  - benches for observing wildlife
  - a campfire ring with benches for night-hikes and other events
  - bat boxes
  - You tell us! Have a specialty or idea? Let us know!Contact:Kirk Dreier, Director
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