

The Crosby Arboretum Volunteer Information

Volunteering at the Arboretum

Volunteers at The Crosby Arboretum fill a variety of vital roles, both behind the scenes tending plants, maintaining trails, stuffing envelopes, and assisting with construction and before the public as tour guides, gift shop assistants, and admission greeters. Both the task and the time are fitted to individual volunteers; some volunteers give of their time one day a week, others give a few hours a month. The Crosby Arboretum welcomes volunteers with a wide range of interest and talents.

The Crosby Arboretum, Mississippi State University Extension Service, is looking for some good volunteers! Whether you have a few hours a month, a few weekends out of the year or just a few weeks while you are relocated to the coast for the winter, we have a place for you.

Students! The Crosby Arboretum is the perfect place for students to expand their resume for college applications and scholarship applications with volunteer service.

Examples of Volunteer Tasks:

Outdoor:

- *Walking the trails to clean sign posts
- *Sweeping decks and cleaning chairs
- *Power-washing gates, decks, bridges and pavilion floor
- *Using leaf blower to clean trails of leaves and pine needle debris
- *Weeding children's garden
- *Cleaning the greenhouse
- *Assisting with plant sales
- *Tour guides!
- *Assisting with our larger events
- *Painting gates and visitors center walls
- *Ticket Booth: greeting guests, handing out maps, handing out fish food

Indoor:

- *Scrapbooking the Arboretum's newspaper clippings, magazine articles, etc.
- *Filling fish food bags for public
- *Making copies of handouts
- *Answering phones on event days
- *Manning the membership table on event days
- *Folding mail outs

For more information about volunteering at the Arboretum, call Kim Johnson at (601) 799-2311