

Volunteer Opportunities

1. The **Schuylkill River Heritage** Area built and maintains the sections of the trail in Berks and Schuylkill Counties. The Schuylkill River National & State Heritage Area celebrates the rich culture and history of the Schuylkill River watershed. <http://www.schuylkillriver.org/>

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2. **Appalachian Trail Conservancy** is a volunteer-based organization dedicated to the preserving and managing the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. <http://www.appalachiantrail.org/>

Corridor monitors are volunteers who watch over A.T. lands. These volunteers function as the “eyes and ears” for their assigned section of A.T. corridor. The corridor is the permanent, protective buffer surrounding the A.T.; the boundary is the edge of the corridor. This property line demarcates where A.T. lands end and adjacent landowners’ properties begin.

Boundary maintainers perform the task of keeping the boundary well-marked and easy to follow both for A.T. volunteers and Trail neighbors. Volunteers can take on both monitoring and maintaining duties, in which case they are called corridor stewards. Corridor monitoring and boundary maintenance are the first steps towards preventing encroachments, or catching them early enough to resolve them with a minimum of hardship. Find out more about corridor monitoring and boundary maintenance. Alice Davis(adavis@appalachiantrail.org)

3. **Blue Mountain Wildlife**, Inc. is a non-profit, membership organization working to preserve wildlife habitat in northern Berks and southern Schuylkill Counties of Pennsylvania

You can become a volunteer. Blue Mountain Wildlife is currently working on several projects, all of which depend on volunteers. There are big projects--like maintaining the Bartram Trail and Therman Madeira Switchback Trail through the Kernsville Dam Recreation Area, construction of outdoor classrooms and a boat launch, and improving the road and parking areas. There are the fundraisers—like the Northern Berks QUAD Games—that help us raise money to pay for everything. There are also the day-to-day activities that are so important to keeping the organization on track and moving forward--trash removal and maintenance, newsletter and website publishing, fundraising, membership, and community relations. If you have a skill, we can find a use for it. Visit the website to complete a volunteer form or to request more information on becoming a volunteer or to tell us what projects you'd like to help out with.

<http://www.bluemountainwildlife.com/>

email: Info@bluemountainwildlife.com Don Waldron, President

4. **Become a Volunteer at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary**

Want to become more involved at Hawk Mountain? Join today as a volunteer! Simply contact Director of Volunteers Sue Wolfe, wolfe@hawkmountain.org, or 610-756-6000 x225 to learn more.

5. Rotary Club - Mr. Christopher Wilson, President 610-682-0757

- They have refreshment stands at the Memorial Day Carnival, Community Days, Hamburger Festival.
- They have an annual golf tournament.
- They do canal clean-up along the river/canal.
- They maintain the fountain at Borough Hall.
- They run the annual Christmas tree pick-up.

6. Recreation Department, Borough of Hamburg

They run all activities at the park and pool. Many volunteer activities during the summer months include painting benches, mulching, organizing fundraisers, helping with events at the pool.

7. Hamburg Lions' Club

They set up rental tents. They run bingo games at the Memorial Day Carnival and Community Days. They have a food stand at the Hamburg Sidewalk Sale. They also would like help with maintaining their website.

8. Union Fire Company #1 of Hamburg – Mr. Troy Hatt, Chief 610-562-0701

They always have work around the firehouse and they run various events at the Hamburg Fieldhouse.

9. Reading Railroad Heritage Museum – Mr. Dale Woodland 215-723-5848 (dwwrdg@verizon.net)

They need help with fence-painting, designs for the side of the building, exhibit signs, etc. They also will be running the Bee Line Festival on May 9 (games for kids, refreshments, etc.).

10. Hawk Mountain Sanctuary – Ms. Susan D. Wolfe 610-756-6000 ext. 225 wolfe@hawkmountain.org

Hawk Mountain is internationally known and offers a wide variety of wildlife programs. Volunteers can work in the bookstore, in information/hospitality, parking/traffic control, keeping the gate, help with mailings, maintain grounds, work in the native plant garden, etc.

11. St. Michael's Church – Rev. Paul Buzzard pachieffan@mac.com

They need help with their flea market, ice cream social, cleaning windows and dusting, mulching, vacation Bible school, building/painting benches, musical presentations, etc.

12. Salem E. C. Church – wearesalem@comcast.net or www.wearesalem.org

They have a Week of Service (first week in May). They provide babysitting for children so that parents can go out once a month on a Friday night, and other activities.

13. Blue Mountain Wildlife – Ms. Pat Adams 610-562-7909 info@bluemountainwildlife.com

Opportunities include developing a self-guiding tour booklet, working in the hummingbird/butterfly garden, building an eagle's nest platform, improving the trail, constructing benches, sprucing up the trailhead, and volunteering for the Northern Berks Quad.

14. Hamburg Grange #2103 – Mr. Michael Adams 610-562-5933 mjadams141@verizon.net

Possible hour-earning: blood drives, movies, Berks Heim church service, chicken potpie dinners, chicken bar-b-q, family festival, OTF Kids' Festival, Reading Fair soda stand, Sidewalk stand, etc.

15. Hamburg Area Woman's Club – Ms. Gail Kline at 610-488-0340 Gail461@comcast.com

They run dime pitch at community events, Families Helping Families Dinner, Hat and Mitten Drive, King Frost Float, Home Business Expo, Fashion Show, collection/packing for Operation Enduring Freedom, babysitting at monthly meetings, and various social events.

16. Hamburg Public Library

Shelve books, sort books for book sale, landscape around library building, design a new website for the library, help with Summer Reading Program, teach computer classes to adults, plan a craft night for school age children, create/plan/present a workshop on a special talent of yours.

17. Tilden Township

They have a Park and Recreation Board, a Historical Society, and an Environmental Advisory Council. Students may participate on any board as a visitor or a member.

18. Hamburg Community Wildlife Project – Ms. Kay Greenawalt 610-562-4329 or www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife.

They need people for website design, brochure design, garden tours, assisting at their native plant sale. They can use frog watch volunteers, people to write articles for newspapers, people to grow native plants in the greenhouse, etc.

19. The Hamburg Arts Alliance – a division of the Our Town Foundation 610-562-3106 or otfassistant2@verizon.net.

You can perform at the Summer in the City Art Strolls, design advertisements to be used in print sources, display your artwork, design posters, signs, rack cards for events, take photos of the downtown, parks, nature areas for promotions, help to maintain the Gallery, assist in maintaining and updating the design of the Our Town Foundation/Arts Alliance MYSpace.