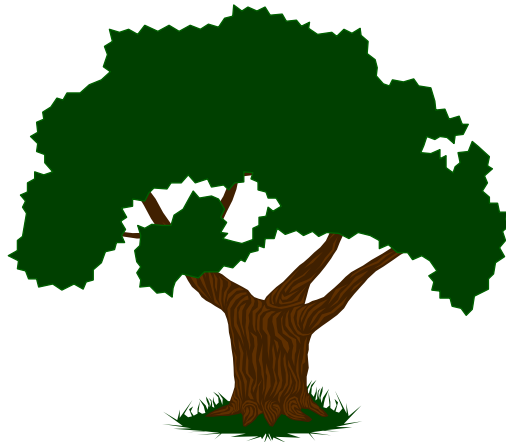




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# Saylorville Lake's Greatest Natural Resource VOLUNTEERS



## **Saylorville Lake Needs Your Help**

The Saylorville Lake Team is dedicated to providing quality outdoor recreation and natural resources. Federal budget restraints make operating Saylorville Lake more difficult each year. We need your help in making Saylorville the best it can be. To become a part of the Saylorville Lake Volunteer Team fill out the Volunteer Application and check or list the activities in which you are interested.

Join our Team of nearly 1,000 volunteers and  
make a difference in your parks!

## Volunteer Positions

Saylorville Lake offers a unique volunteer program that has something for everyone. There are many different types of volunteer positions at Saylorville Lake a few of which are described below. Volunteers may be provided a campsite during their volunteer service at Saylorville Lake. Some volunteer positions may not be available immediately, but your information will be added to our database and you may be contacted as positions become available.

### Part-time Campground Host



The primary duty of the Part-time Campground Host is to conduct evening walking tours of campgrounds, greet new arrivals, provide information and brochures, and welcome customers to Saylorville Lake. Part-time hosts serve for two-week periods in the campgrounds and are required to provide a minimum of 21 hours of volunteer service per week. There are 24 part-time campground host positions available from mid-May through mid-September.

### Full-time Campground Host

The primary duty of the Full-time Campground Host is to staff the campground entrance station when the contracted park attendant is off duty (10 am – 2 pm). The host shall provide a minimum of 21 hours of volunteer service per week and may serve for the entire recreation season May through September. The Bob Shetler and Acorn Valley hosts will also staff the Visitor Center for half of a day on Thursdays (see Visitor Center Host responsibilities). Volunteers selected for this position are assigned a campsite in the respective campground with water, electric, and sewer hookups.

### Butterfly Gardening

Volunteers are assigned a flowerbed in the Butterfly Garden area located just north of the Visitor Center on the bike trail. Gardeners help plan, plant and maintain each bed. This position takes just a few hours each week during the growing season. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the many gardening techniques and the wide range of butterfly species that can be attracted here in Iowa. Plants and some equipment are provided by the Corps of Engineers.

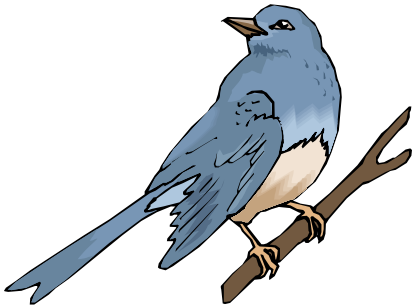


## Visitor Center Host

The primary duty of a Visitor Center Host is operation of the Saylorville Lake Visitor Center. There are four full-time Visitor Center Host positions, which are available May-September. Three host positions staff the Visitor Center for one 8-hour day and one 4-hour shift each week. One host position will staff the Visitor Center for one 8-hour day and coordinate operation of the Iowa Academy of Sciences Gift Shop. Volunteers may begin service early or continue later in the season during shortened April and October hours. Full-time Visitor Center Hosts who wish to receive camping in return for volunteer services will be randomly assigned a campsite with water, electric and sewer hookups in the Sandpiper Volunteer Campground.

Part-time Visitor Center Host positions are also available and work in the Visitor Center when full-time hosts are not on duty. Hours may include weekends or during the months of April and October. Part-time hosts can earn camping passes to be used at one of Saylorville Lake's Public Campgrounds.

## Bluebird Nest Box Monitor



Take a nice relaxing walk as you check for signs of nesting birds in the bluebird boxes around the lake. Volunteers are assigned an area at the lake with 6-12 boxes. The boxes are checked a minimum of once a week through the spring and summer. Records of the activity in each of the boxes are kept and compiled at the end of the breeding season.

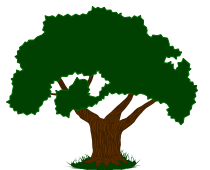
## Natural Resource/Habitat Enhancement

Volunteers willing to get dirty in the outdoors will love this opportunity. Saylorville takes pride in maintaining healthy habitats but we need your help to provide the needed TLC. Some work areas may be remote. This position will involve some lifting, digging, pruning, mulching and raking. There may also be some data collection and use of chemicals. It is available March thru November. Knowledge of pruning methods, tree care and use of chemicals is preferred, but training is available.

## Office/Clerical



Volunteers are needed to provide assistance to rangers compiling and entering data on computers, mailing information, developing flyers and letters. This work is generally conducted Monday through Friday a few hours per week at the Administrative Office. Computer skills are a must.



## Day Use Entrance Station Host

The primary duty of the Day Use Entrance Station Host is to staff the entrance station at boat ramps and beach areas and collect fees using a cash register. Day Use Entrance Station hosts are required to provide a minimum of 21 hours per week and may serve the entire recreation season May through September. The Corps of Engineers will bond all Day Use Entrance Station hosts with a \$5,000 fidelity bond to protect the government from loss of funds. All volunteers must be eligible to be bonded; ineligibility will remove you from the list of candidates for this volunteer position. Day Use Entrance Station hosts who wish to receive camping in return for volunteer services will be randomly assigned a campsite with water, electric and sewer hookups in the Sandpiper Volunteer Campground.

## Other positions may be available throughout the year.

Including, but not limited to:



Recycling  
Bulletin Boards  
Brochures  
Bike Trail  
Educational Programs



Special Events  
Shoreline Beautification  
Photographer  
Landscaping  
Litter Pick Up

## For More Information

For more information on becoming part of the Saylorville Lake Volunteer Team contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Leah Morrow at 515-276-4656 ext. 6509 or write to:

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5600 NW 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Johnston, Iowa 50131

Send an email [leah.c.morrow@usace.army.mil](mailto:leah.c.morrow@usace.army.mil) or check out the Saylorville Lake website at [www.SaylorvilleLake.org](http://www.SaylorvilleLake.org).

For nation-wide Corps Volunteer Opportunities call the Volunteer Clearing House at 1-800-VOL-TEER or check out the web site at [www.orn.usace.army.mil/volunteer](http://www.orn.usace.army.mil/volunteer).

