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Become a Volunteer Tour Guide at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary

Augusta, Mich.— April is National Volunteer Month but you can start celebrating in March by becoming a Kellogg Bird Sanctuary volunteer. If you enjoy working with people and learning about birds, wildlife, and conservation the Sanctuary is a great place to share your time and talents. Training is provided and no previous experience is needed. Personal training sessions can be arranged.

Training for both current and interested Bird Tour Guides will be held on Thursday, March 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. Included is an overview of Sanctuary tours, instruction on how to greet a group and lead a tour, and time to practice delivering information about gamebirds, waterfowl, and birds of prey living at the Sanctuary. Please stay for a potluck lunch from noon to 1:00 p.m.

Also on March 5th join us for our re-opening of the Resource Center for 2015! Come see our new merchandise, check our calendar to sign up for volunteer activities, and hear the Sanctuary's plans for the year during the Resource Center open house from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is also a great way to become familiar with volunteering in the gift shop.

A second Tour Guide training for those who are interested in learning more about tours along the Sanctuary's Agricultural and Ecology Trail will be held on Thursday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. During this training learn about the stations along the trail and the activities that take place to teach the students how the environment affects plant growth and, in the big picture, their breakfast cereal.

"Our volunteers are a driving force behind the public programs we offer, greeting visitors and helping maintain our nest box and pollinator garden programs," said Sarah Reimer, the Sanctuary's office manager. "In 2014 the Sanctuary volunteers generously donated 2,303 hours of their time to our organization."

Volunteers receive various benefits for sharing their time with the Sanctuary, including the monthly e-newsletter, and free or discounted admission to KBS events.

To join the Sanctuary for a volunteer training please call (269) 671-2510 or email birdsanctuary@kbs.msu.edu to reserve your space.

The W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary, located at 12685 East C Ave., Augusta, is part of the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station, Michigan State University's largest off-campus education complex and one of North America's premier inland field stations. KBS's mission is focused on ecological and environmental research and education.

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