

Volunteer Job Description: Kellogg Bird Sanctuary – Bird Tour Guide

Location: Kellogg Bird Sanctuary
12685 East C Avenue
Augusta, MI 49012

Agency: MSU Kellogg Biological
Station 3700 East Gull Lake Drive
Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Contact Person: Volunteer Program Coordinator

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Supervision: Sanctuary Staff (direct)
Volunteer Program Coordinator (indirect)

Purpose of Position: To aid the Sanctuary staff in its mission of educational outreach.

Task Description/Specific Duties: Bird Sanctuary tour guide training covers concepts such as adaptations, migration, nesting, and waterfowl identification. After attending training, new guides are invited to follow experienced guides on a few tours until they are comfortable going out on their own.

- Conduct tours for groups ranging in age from preschool to senior citizens
- Guides will determine which age group they are most comfortable leading
- Basic concepts that are explained during a tour include:
 - Adaptations
 - Identification of waterfowl and birds of prey housed at Sanctuary
 - Migration
 - Nesting



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Commitment: Sanctuary normal hours of operation: Monday-Saturday 9am to 5pm, Sunday 11am to 4pm. The majority of tours are weekday mornings. Volunteers should set aside at least 1 1/2 hours for each tour group. Volunteers are given the opportunity to choose which scheduled tours best fit their schedules.

Qualifications: Applicants must be at least 18 years old, enjoy working with children, and able to walk a 3/4-mile trail. Volunteers also should enjoy the outdoors and feel comfortable leading groups. Previous knowledge of subject matter is not required.

Training: Training is provided, all tour guide volunteers will partner with an experienced guide to become acquainted with the subject matter prior to their first scheduled tour group.

Benefits: Volunteers receive free entry and 10% off merchandise at the bird sanctuary when they present their volunteer ID, and an invitation to the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner.