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A variety of volunteering opportunities are available at W.K. Kellogg Biological Station

Augusta, Mich. — April is National Volunteer Month, but you can start celebrating early by becoming a volunteer at the W.K. Kellogg Experimental Forest or the W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary. At the Forest, a training for people interested in volunteering with maple syrup production will be held on Friday, February 5 from 1-3 p.m., preceding the Forest's March 19 Maple Syrup Open House. The Forest is located at 7060 42nd St., Augusta, MI 49012. For questions about the Forest or becoming a maple syrup production volunteer, call 269-731-4597.

If you enjoy working with people and learning about birds, wildlife, and conservation, then the Bird Sanctuary is a great place to share your time and talents. Training is provided; no previous experience needed. Personal training sessions can be arranged.

Training for current and interested Bird Adaptation Tour Guides will be held on Wednesday, March 2 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. 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. A potluck lunch will follow at noon.

There will be two trainings for current and interested Resource Center volunteers. The first training will be held on Wednesday, March 2 from 1-3 p.m., and the second on Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Both trainings will have the same content - opening and closing procedures, operating the cash register, merchandise, and signing up for volunteer activities.

A tour guide training for those interested in learning the Sanctuary's Agricultural and Ecology Trail will be held on Wednesday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. During this training, learn about the stations along the trail and the activities that take place, with the goal of teaching school groups how the environment effects plant growth and, in the big picture, their breakfast cereal.

"Our volunteers are a driving force behind the public programs we offer," said Sarah Reimer, the Sanctuary's office manager. 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 training, call (269) 671-2510 or email birdsanctuary@kbs.msu.edu to reserve your space by February 26 for the Resource Center and Bird Adaptation Tour trainings and March 18 for the Agricultural and Ecology Trail tour guide training. The 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.

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