Guadalupe River State Park/Honey Creek SNA Texas Master Naturalist Volunteer Opportunities - Updated January 2024

• Honey Creek Nature Hike Interpretive Guide

(Held most Saturdays and Sundays, 9-11:30am, and special hikes)

Contact Nancy Gray at grayabbott@aol.com if interested in becoming a guide*.

*Specialized training is required to serve as a Honey Creek Interpretive Guide for park visitors.

• Discovery Center Volunteers

Volunteers serve as hosts to visitors at the park's Discovery Center, a unique, hands-on nature center. Expected to answer basic questions, interact with visitors and do very light housekeeping tasks. Orientation and training (shadowing) are provided. Please note you work with children and adults. Please email Park Interpreter, Jessica Bergner, at jessica.bergner@tpwd.texas.gov to be placed on the email distribution list.

• Interpretive Program Assistance

Volunteers assist with interpretive programs, such as fishing programs, arts and crafts, annual Monarch and Friends Pollinator Fiesta, etc. An email will be sent out when opportunities arise. Please email Park Interpreter, Jessica Bergner, at jessica.bergner@tpwd.texas.gov to be placed on the email distribution list.

• Leading Interpretive Programs

Volunteers lead or assist with regular (monthly, bi-monthly, or more) interpretive programs at the park, to include hikes (not HCSNA). Please email Park Interpreter, Jessica Bergner, at jessica.bergner@tpwd.texas.gov if you would like to lead a program out at the park.

• Social Media Content Creation

Volunteers create educational content for the park's social media accounts. Volunteer may take his/her own photos or videos, or use existing photos, and will research and write short (5-10 sentences) interpretive content about the park's natural or cultural resources. Please email Park Interpreter, Jessica Bergner, at jessica.bergner@tpwd.texas.gov if you have an interest in creating social media content.

• Field Trip Volunteers

Volunteers lead field trip stations for children at the park; training is held as needed throughout the year. There is a running sign-up sheet so that volunteers can choose which date works best for them. Monthly homeschool class opportunities are also available. Please email Park Interpreter, Jessica Bergner, at jessica.bergner@tpwd.texas.gov to be placed on the email distribution list.

• Wildlife Viewing Maintenance

Volunteers feed and maintain parks Wildlife Viewing Blinds. Please email Linda Gindler at ligindler@gmail.com if interested in joining the care team.

• Native Wildflower Garden Projects

Volunteers work in maintaining existing native plant gardens including transplanting, weeding, seed harvest and sowing. Please email Susan Bogle at jfbogle@gvtc.com if interested in joining the Habiscape care team.

• Butterfly Surveys

Volunteers assist with monthly or bi-monthly butterfly surveys at the park; no experience required – learn as you assist; includes annual NABA survey in June/July. Craig Hensley is the POC (512) 547-9730.

• Wildlife Surveys

Assist with wildlife/plant-life surveys. No experience necessary; training will be provided. Upcoming wildlife surveys: breeding bird point-count surveys (Spring 2024), Golden-cheeked Warbler point-count surveys (Spring 2024), White-tailed Deer Spotlight Surveys (Fall 2024). Please email Park Interpreter, Jessica Bergner, at iessica.bergner@tpwd.texas.gov if you are interested in wildlife/plant-life surveys.

• Special Projects

Volunteers assist park staff with river cleanups, cedar clearing, park road cleanup, etc. Volunteers will be emailed a sign-up when opportunities arise. Please email Park Interpreter, Jessica Bergner, at jessica.bergner@tpwd.texas.gov to be placed on the email distribution list.