Volunteer Opportunities: Winter 2006 Irvine Nature Center

Please contact Carin Smith, Volunteer Coordinator for more information or to sign up for any of these opportunities: 410-484-2413 x32 or csmith@comcast.net

Nature in the Classroom
Training: Thursday, December 1, 2005
10:00-2:00
Do you enjoy being in the classroom? When cold weather and ice come our way Irvine’s Naturalists and critters head out to local schools for some indoor nature education, and you can come too! Learn how to lead these outreach programs at the “Nature in the Classroom” training. This is a great opportunity for those who love teaching children, but aren’t keen on the walking involved with field trips.

Maple Sugaring
Training will be held in two sessions: Tuesday, January 31, 2006 and Thursday, February 2, 2006 both from 9:30-12:30 p.m.
Winter is approaching as well as Maple Sugaring. Sign up today for this time-honored tradition. Come learn about nature history information covering seasonal change, tree identification and local ecology, as well as teaching tips and techniques.

Irvine’s Urban Education Program, Schoolyard Discovery
Training will be provided on Monday, March 6th, Wednesday, March 8th and Friday, March 10th.
Volunteers are needed to train high school students in Baltimore City to teach elementary students and to help students install gardens on their grounds. High school and college student volunteers can receive student service learning hours. Please contact Carin at extension 32 for more information.

School Walk Leaders
Share your love of nature with young children while gaining leadership and instructional skills and improving your natural history knowledge. Let us train you to lead environmental educational walks for local school groups. Spring training for field trip leaders will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays March 7-23 from 9:30-12:30. For more information or to register for the orientation call Jason McCauley @ extension 21.

Animal Caretaker
Our animals are fascinating and require a lot of care. We are looking for high school students or adults who can spend three hours per day feeding, cleaning, and maintaining habitat for our precious critters. Volunteer hours count toward student service requirements. All training is provided.
Lawn Maintenance
Volunteers are needed each week to help us maintain our beautiful grounds. A riding tractor is provided, as well as all other lawn tools needed. Please contact Carin @ extension 32 for more details