

# SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN LAND CONSERVANCY



## Volunteer Information Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

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### Opportunities Available

Volunteers can assist Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy (SWMLC) staff in a variety of ways. By volunteering, you can provide immeasurable assistance to our conservation efforts and allow us to broaden our resources. And volunteering reaps benefits for you, too. When you volunteer for SWMLC, you'll learn new things and have lots of fun doing it! Check all activities below which interest you.

- Help steward our nature preserves by removing brush, pulling invasive plants, planting wildflowers, sowing and collecting seeds, picking up trash, clearing trails, installing fencing and nature preserve signs, etc. (these workdays are usually held monthly on Saturday mornings)
  - Help steward as above by volunteering with our Wednesday Workday Warriors
  - Help Stewardship Team by checking on preserves to detect dumping, vandalism, etc.
  - Help Land Protection Team conduct species inventories at preserves and areas being considered for preservation
  - Help develop materials for children/family activities
  - Take photos of SWMLC preserves, people enjoying the preserves, plants and animals on the preserves, for use in newsletters, brochures presentations, and press releases
  - Serve on Outreach Team, Stewardship Team, or Land Protection Team, or ask to be considered for our Board of Directors (circle preference)
  - Staff our information table at events such as Earth Day, Water Festival, Harvest Fest, Three Rivers Fall Color Tour, etc.
  - Help in the office by maintaining our archival-quality photo library, filing magazines and newsletters, or assisting with bulk mailings
  - Ask people you know to join SWMLC and explain why you're a member/volunteer (SWMLC can provide materials for you to give)
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Special skills or interests (e.g., knowledge of plants and animals, outdoor equipment, power tools, organizational skills, camera or software expertise, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Previous volunteer experience \_\_\_\_\_  
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Health concerns or special needs \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Time Available**

I would like to volunteer: Regularly \_\_\_\_\_ Occasionally \_\_\_\_\_  
If regularly, I can commit to: Weekly: Number of hours \_\_\_\_\_  
Monthly: Number of hours \_\_\_\_\_  
I am available: Weekdays \_\_\_\_\_ Weekends \_\_\_\_\_

As a Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy volunteer, I understand and agree that I will not receive payment for my services, and that I will safeguard any confidential information learned as a result of my work.

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Signature of Prospective Volunteer Date

**Please return this form to:**  
Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy  
6851 S. Sprinkle Rd.  
Portage, MI 49002-9708

If you have questions, please call the SWMLC office at (269) 324-1600 or contact us by e-mail at ConserveLand@SWMLC.org. Visit our web site at www.SWMLC.org to learn more, and like us on Facebook!

*Thank you!*

