

Volunteer Role Description

Role title
Learning Team Volunteer
Based at location
<p>We have opportunities at three locations. You can volunteer at multiple locations or at just one. Click the links for information about each:</p> <p><u>College Lake Nature Reserve, Tring, Buckinghamshire HP23 5QG</u></p> <p><u>Windsor Great Park Environmental Centre, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 2HT</u></p> <p><u>Woolley Firs Environmental Education Centre, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 3LJ</u></p>
Purpose of the role
<p>To assist the learning team in engaging and teaching young people about British wildlife and nature conservation by helping to deliver educational sessions with school groups, Wildlife Clubs; Nature Tots, Rangers, Uniform groups e.g. Scouts and family events.</p>
Type of work in which you will be involved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up and setting down equipment needed for the various sessions. • Assist in the delivery of nature-based educational sessions across our many audiences mentioned above. This will involve working with children, families, school staff/parents, uniform group leaders and general visitors. • Preparing materials / resources for sessions under the guidance of the Learning Team • Assist in ensuring health and safety obligations are met including reading and implementing on the day risk assessments and reporting any hazards. • Undertake training and attend meetings as required. • Promoting the work of BBOWT and activity opportunities. <p>Optional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and designing activities and sessions. • Leading activities and leading on delivery of sessions

Experience and/or qualifications needed

Experience:

- Working or volunteering with nursery/primary-aged children is advantageous.
- Delivering activities and sessions both formal and informal is advantageous.

Knowledge/Skills:

- A keen interest in wildlife with a willingness to learn more and ability to communicate this with a wide audience.
- An understanding of health and safety and safeguarding requirements in relation to children.
- Ability to work outdoors in all weathers and confidently manoeuvre on uneven, rough terrain.

Personal qualities:

- Passion for education and working with children, especially in the outdoors.
- Able to act independently and as part of a team.
- Willingness to show flexibility and resourcefulness.
- A team player

Times/days we would like you to be available

This is dependent on bookings and event schedules, with possible opportunities across weekdays and weekends. Please note events and sessions are often on different days of the week with varying frequency/times.

We are looking for a **minimum commitment of four days per month** and there could be the opportunity to choose a set day each week.

Benefits to volunteer & possible training opportunities:

- The chance to be actively involved in BBOWT's inspiring education work.
- The opportunity to promote Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust.
- You will be joining a great team of volunteers and staff, working on our wonderful sites and have the opportunity to learn about its wildlife.
- Experience working with a diverse audience.
- Gain transferable skills needed to deliver engaging, age-appropriate outdoor events. Learning how to adapt and teach outside the classroom.
- Potential to volunteer at other sites and events within BBOWT.
- Attend internal and external courses, training, workshops and social gatherings.



Person to whom you will be responsible
Senior Learning Officer at one of our three locations.
Expenses payable
N/A
Interview, References or DBS check required
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Informal interview will be conducted, followed by a taster session(s).• Once appointed, we will discuss times/days and commence induction.• Enhanced DBS and safeguard training required and provided by BBOWT.• Reference may be required.

