



**Summer is here. It's time to get outside
and volunteer!
Opportunities abound in gardens,
museums and festivals in NYC.
Stay cool, use sunscreen, bug spray,
have fun & make a difference!**

Central Park Conservancy

Central Park is the most frequently visited urban park in the United States.

Volunteer opportunities for ages 18 and up include:

- **Saturday Green Team** - click here to **Learn More**
- **Gardener's Assistant Program** - click here to **Learn More**
- **Greeter Program** - click here to **Learn More**

Attend a Volunteer Open House to get started.

Battery Dance Festival



Website: www.batterydance.org/

**BATTERY
DANCE**

Battery Dance presents the 38th Annual Dance Festival with free outdoor performances August 11 to 16 at Robert F. Wagner, Jr. Park and a free indoor closing event at Pace University on August 17.

Volunteers help with daily production set-up, hosting the entrance tables, greeting audience members and handing out playbills. They also help with activities related to our closing event on August 17 and dance workshops throughout the week. Benefits include attending free dance performances in a beautiful park, gaining experience in dance production, taking part in the downtown dance community and making new friends and connections!

Available Shifts:

(Most needed: 7pm-10:30pm shift)

- **August 11 - 12** - 9am-2pm; 2pm-7pm; 7pm-10:30pm
- **August 13 - 16** - 10am-1pm; 2 pm-7 pm; 7pm-10:30pm
- **August 17** - 3pm - 9pm

Call Natalia Mesa, 212-219-3910 or email natalia@batterydance.org



Friends of Governors Island



Website: www.govisland.com

GOVERNORS ISLAND

Take a short ferry ride to meet new people and spend time outdoors while giving back to NYC's most innovative public space. Volunteer on Governors Island!

Visitor Data Collector

Collect valuable visitor feedback and data to help us gain further insight about the visitor experience on Governors Island. Volunteers must commit to a minimum of 2 shifts per month. Must be 16 or older. Additional training required.

Island Ambassador

Welcome visitors to the Island, answer questions, provide directions, and assist with public events. Volunteers must be 14 or older and commit to a minimum of 2 shifts per month.

Volunteer shifts are available on weekdays and weekends during the Governors Island open season: May 1 – Oct. 31. *Shifts are 4 – 5 hours based on the activity and day of the week.*

Interested volunteers can learn more and fill out an application at <https://govisland.com/get-involved/volunteer>

Prospect Park Alliance



Website: <https://www.prospectpark.org/>

Location: 95 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, NY



Volunteers are active in Prospect Park from April to November, and contribute to its well-being through a range of landscape and horticultural projects. The Alliance offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals, groups, the young, and families.

In addition to pitching in with outdoor projects, volunteers collaborate with staff and assist with educational programs, special events, program development and administrative work.

Sign up online at www.prospectpark.org/get-involved/volunteer/

Dyckman Farmhouse Museum



The Dyckman Farmhouse Museum is located in a small park at the corner of Broadway and 204th Street. The Dutch Colonial Style farmhouse was built on this site circa 1785 and it opened as a museum in 1916. The museum has two volunteer programs: Education and Gardening



Garden Volunteers help plant and weed as well as participate in special projects.

Education Volunteers design, facilitate, teach and help run programs as well as greet visitors and work on any number of projects.

Contact Naiomy Rodriguez at 212-304-9422 or email Naiomy at naiomy.rodriquez@parks.nyc.gov.

GallopNYC



GallopNYC is a non-profit organization that offers therapeutic horsemanship programs to children and adults with disabilities. GallopNYC operates their riding program at four locations, all within NYC: Forest Hills in Queens, Howard Beach, Pelham Bay in the Bronx, and Prospect Park in Brooklyn. Schedules at each location vary by season.



Volunteer opportunities include:

Side Walking:

During therapeutic riding sessions act as an intermediary between the rider and instructor by assisting the rider in carrying out the instructor's directions.

Lead Walking:

Volunteers will lead horses during therapeutic riding classes, working with a group of side-walkers, keeping primary focus on assigned horse (and not the rider) while maintaining communication with team.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, you can visit their website at: volunteer.gallopnyc.org, reach out to them by email: volunteer@gallopnyc.org, or call the volunteer team at 646-233-4507.

9/11 Memorial & Museum



Address: 180 Greenwich Street, NY

Architects Michael Arad and Peter Walker designed the 9/11 Memorial. Their proposal, called Reflecting Absence, consists of two reflecting pools that sit in the footprints of the South and North Towers. The accompanying 9/11 Museum has an exhibition divided into three sections, the Day of 9/11, Before 9/11 and After 9/11.



Summer Youth and Family Tour Greeter Volunteers

Volunteers assist with the operation of all Youth & Family Tours on the Memorial plaza. Volunteers greet visitors at the outdoor Memorial tour cart, assist with checking in visitors for their tours and answering questions. Volunteers also support the tour leader by monitoring tour participants. Experience with education and/or working with children is preferred. The tours run on weekday mornings—we recommend summer volunteers work two four-hour shifts per week, 9am – 1pm, for 2–3 months. Volunteers are requested not to miss more than two shifts in the summer. **Minimum age: 16.**

For more information and to apply, please visit www.911memorial.org/volunteer or call Dana Donati 212-324-6528

Equestria.nyc



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The New York Therapeutic Riding Center conducts the therapeutic horseback riding program, EQUESTRIA®, for children and adults with disabilities living in the 5 boroughs of New York City.

Equestria.nyc is in great need of volunteers for our Summer 2019 Therapeutic Riding and Horse Education Program that will be conducted in New York City during June, July and August on Sunday afternoons. Equestria riding students include children, teenagers, adults and veterans with disabilities. Equestria volunteers assist our therapeutic riding instructor in teaching Equestria students to ride.

For additional information on becoming a volunteer in the Equestria Summer 2019 Program, please go to our website: Equestria.nyc. For more information, call the Equestria office at 212-535-3917.

Queens Zoo



The **Queens Zoo** is an 18-acre zoo located in Flushing Meadows – Corona Park (53-51 111th Street). The zoo is part of an integrated system of four zoos and one aquarium managed by the Wildlife Conservation Society in partnership with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, and is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).



Education Department Volunteer - Working to Save Wildlife and Wild Places

Volunteer for the education department at the Queens Zoo and dive into a world of wildlife conservation. There is a mandatory 4-day training to volunteer. Our adult program is currently only accepting week-day volunteers.

Adult application: <https://queenszoo.com/volunteering/adult-volunteers>

To apply call 718-271-1500 x319 or email: gzvolunteers@wcs.org

For more information about volunteer positions visit the Queens Zoo website – www.queenszoo.com/volunteering.

NYC H2O



<http://www.nych2o.org/>

NYC H2O's mission is to inspire and educate New Yorkers of all ages to learn about, enjoy and protect their city's local water ecology.



Volunteer Landscaping at the Ridgewood Reservoir

The Ridgewood Reservoir in Highland Park is a 50+ acre natural oasis that straddles the border of Brooklyn and Queens.

On May 19th, June 9th and June 21st from 10 am - 12:30 pm join NYC H2O and the NYC Parks Department to remove invasive plants from the path around the reservoir. The reservoir is a beautiful home to 175 species of plants but many are invasive. For this project we will focus on removing mugwort on the causeway between basins 2 and 3.

For more information and to apply [**Sign up here!**](#)

Need More Ideas?

The Volunteer Referral Center has been helping New Yorkers find great volunteer opportunities for 30 years. With over 275 partner agencies, VRC will guide you to a perfect match.



To schedule a free appointment call 212-889-4805 or sign up at <http://volunteer-referral.com/volunteer-opportunities-2/>.

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