

Re: Volunteer Opportunity

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Fri 4/14/2023 2:14 PM

To:Brotherton, Brian C <Brian.Brotherton@fcps.org>;

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Sorry-- just saw that I didn't get back to you! We have tables all set up.

Hope the tree planting went well.

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From: Brotherton, Brian C <Brian.Brotherton@fcps.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 8:35 AM
To: McDonnell, Mindy <MMcDonnell@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Re: Volunteer Opportunity

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi Mindy,

Do we need to bring a small table to set-up at Green Fest, or is that something you provide? Thanks again for letting us crash the party last minute!

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Probably a no to collecting contact information, but they would be welcome to pass out something with information about where to direct donations.

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 Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 2:43 PM
 To: McDonnell, Mindy <MMcDonnell@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
 Subject: Re: Volunteer Opportunity

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If the students aren't directly collecting money, but they are sharing information about where to direct donations or collecting contact information, would that be ok?

I think the students will definitely attend and talk about what we are trying to at the school regardless.

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 To: Brotherton, Brian C

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Hi Brian,

No problem! Thank you all for coming-- I was so impressed with the work your students did. It was pretty amazing to see such an obvious impact. I'll be sure to let you know if I hear of any other interesting service opportunities.

Michele Maze is the leader of the Thurmont Green Team. She can be reached by email at 7xdragonflies@gmail.com. I know she would be happy to hear more about your project. Here at the library, we do have a community notice board. If you would like to drop off a flyer with the information, we could post it. I can also spread the word if I get questions about volunteering.

For Greenfest, my plan is to put together a looping photostory that can run, probably, in the lobby during the event. If some of the students would be interested in manning a table for part of the event, they would be very welcome (ultimately, that is one of my goals-- to have an annual Greenfest service project that the kids present and are recognized for at the event) but I also know that time is tight so there are no expectations. If they do decide to participate, they would be welcome to share information about the project at the school-- our theme is trees, so it fits perfectly! Unfortunately though, we're only able to have fundraising at our events under very limited circumstances (i.e. the Friends of the Library might have a book sale, etc.) which don't really apply. If you wanted to do something like share information about a future fundraising event, though, that would be fine.

Thanks again!

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From: Brotherton, Brian C <Brian.Brotherton@fcps.org>
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 8:12 AM
To: McDonnell, Mindy <MMcDonnell@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Subject: Re: Volunteer Opportunity

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi Mindy,

First, thanks for connecting us with the park and documenting the students' hard work yesterday.

Second, if you could give me the contact information for the Thurmont green team that would be great. We got a grant to plant trees at the school, but need volunteers for the event on 4/13 at 10am. I'm not sure if you have an area to advertise at the library, but it would be great to get the information out to the community somehow.

I know you said you were going to set up a display or something at Green Fest for what we did at Cunningham, would you like students to man the display? I'm asking because even though we got the grant for the trees, it doesn't cover educational signs, or continued maintenance. The students would like to set up a "Sponsor a Tree" fundraiser to cover the costs of signs and future expenses. Let me know what you think.

Thanks again Mindy!

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From: McDonnell, Mindy <MMcDonnell@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 26, 2023 1:43:49 PM
To: Brotherton, Brian C
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Hi Brian,

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you! I know there has been a lot going on at the park, so I appreciate your patience. The logistical information from the park about the invasive species pull is below along with RSVP information for the ranger. It's my understanding that some of the park's experienced volunteers may be attending as well, which should offer some additional support for those of us that are new. I did want to note the part about minors needing to be accompanied by a parent or guardian (parents/guardians are not required to participate-- just to be present). Sorry for not including that when I originally shared the opportunity. It makes complete sense, but being used to library events, it just wasn't on my radar. Since it could impact families' decisions about whether to participate, I wanted to highlight it. Let me know what you think. Thanks!

"Here is the event description and details:

Sunday, April 2nd from 1-3PM: Meet at the Cunningham Falls State Park Manor Area at 6709 Cunningham Falls Park Rd. Thurmont, MD 21788. That address gets you into the Manor Area park gates. Take an immediate left into the parking area next to the playground. There will only a port a pot available. Please bring your own leather work gloves if you have them, wear work boots and clothing you don't mind getting dirty or wet, dress for the weather and warmly. Wear long sleeves and pants to protect your arms and legs. Bring water to drink and any snacks you may need. Don't forget to check for ticks afterward. We will bring tools and leather work gloves but the gloves for those that don't have any, can be very large. We'll work from 1-245 then clean up. Please RSVP to claudia.padilla@maryland.gov in case the event is cancelled due to weather. There is no rain date at this time. Anyone under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

We'll be pulling japanese barberry primarily. It can be hard work and take some muscle, it is also a quite thorny bush. I'll do a talk with the group before we get started to show them the plant and discuss safety (tool use, poison ivy, and ticks)."

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From: McDonnell, Mindy <MMcDonnell@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 2:51:47 PM
To: Brotherton, Brian C; Engelstatter, Katherine M
Cc: Hurley, Rebecca A; Burch, Barron E; Shriner, Sarah E; Poffenberger, Amy J
Subject: Re: Volunteer Opportunity

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That sounds great-- thank you both! I look forward to hearing from you.

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From: Brotherton, Brian C <Brian.Brotherton@fcps.org>

Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 11:42 AM

To: Engelstatter, Katherine M <Katherine.Engelstatt@fcps.org>; McDonnell, Mindy <MMcDonnell@FrederickCountyMD.gov>

Cc: Hurley, Rebecca A <Rebecca.Hurley@fcps.org>; Burch, Barron E <Barron.Burch@fcps.org>; Shriner, Sarah E <Sarah.Shriner@fcps.org>; Poffenberger, Amy J <Amy.Poffenberger@fcps.org>

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello Mindy,

I'll send a message to the kids in the Environmental Conservation Club, I'm sure I could get at least 10 kids to participate. We meet in person next week so I should be able to get you a head count by next Friday.

Sounds like a great opportunity, thanks for sending this my way Katie!

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From: Engelstatter, Katherine M

Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 8:53:22 AM

To: McDonnell, Mindy

Cc: Hurley, Rebecca A; Brotherton, Brian C; Burch, Barron E; Shriner, Sarah E; Poffenberger, Amy J

Subject: Re: Volunteer Opportunity

Hello Mindy!

I've included our Science department head, our Science honor society advisor, and our agriculture department on this email because I'm sure we could find students interested in participating.

Teachers, could you read below and let us know if you think we could recruit some students? I would be happy to help organizing the group if needed.

Katie Engelstatter

Media Specialist

SGA Advisor

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From: McDonnell, Mindy <MMcDonnell@FrederickCountyMD.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 4:29 PM
To: Engelstatter, Katherine M
Subject: Volunteer Opportunity

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Hi Katie,

I think I mentioned when we met that I had been talking to our partners at Cunningham Falls about possible service opportunities in the lead up to Thurmont's Greenfest. It turns out that Cunningham is interested in hosting a group for an invasive plant species pull on April 2nd from 1-3. Interested teens would be trained in pulling techniques and in identifying the plant species at the event. It seems like a great opportunity for students looking for volunteer projects with an environmental impact (or who would just rather get outside!).

Do you think there would be interest at CHS in participating? The ranger could accommodate around 10-20 teens. Because there is that limit, it would be great to partner with someone at the school who could help get the word out and help us identify participants. Do you think this might be a good fit for SGA? Or, is there someone else you would recommend I get in contact with?

Thanks!

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