

Midewin Volunteer Days and Events March - April 2014

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| <p>FREE Public Tours and Lecture Series Click for details.</p> | <p>Volunteer Days for Restoration</p> <hr/> <p>Volunteer Days for Educators</p> | <p>Volunteer Training Workshops</p> | <p>SPECIAL EVENTS OR DATES</p> |  <p>Children are always welcome, but these activities are more appropriate</p> |
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| Date | Time | Meeting Location | Activity |
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| 5 March Wednesday | 6:30pm- 9:00pm | Midewin SO (Welcome Center) | Frog Monitoring Season Kick-off. It's almost time to start listening for those mating calls. New volunteers are welcome to join us to find out if this may be a good fit for you. |
| 6 March Thursday | 9:00am – 2:30pm | Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg) | **General Restoration Volunteer Day. Rain or Shine. |
| 10 March Monday | 6:00pm-8:30pm | Midewin SO (Welcome Center) | Public Programs Planning Meeting. Spring is here and it's time to start planning public programs for 2014. New volunteers are welcome to join us to find out if this may be a good fit for you. |
| 13 March Thursday | 9:00am – 2:30pm | Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg) | **General Restoration Volunteer Day. Rain or Shine. |
| 13 March Thursday | 6:30pm Doors Open 7:00pm Presentation | Midewin SO (Welcome Center) | Lecture Series: "Down the Mother Road in Illinois – Exploring Route 66." Presented by Ed Kozak, Co-founder of the Clear-Ridge Historical Society. Click for details. |
| 20 March Thursday | 9:00am – 2:30pm | Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg) | **General Restoration Volunteer Day. Rain or Shine. |
| 24 March Monday | 2:00pm-5:00pm | Midewin SO (Welcome Center) | Tour guide training opportunity. Observe Wendy Tresouthick as she leads Midewin's most requested tour. New volunteers must contact Midewin volunteer coordinators first. |
| 27 March Thursday | 9:00am – 2:30pm | Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg) | Trail Maintenance: Midewin's trail stewards need some helping hands along our community trails. Join the stewards on the last Thursday of every month. |
| 27 March Thursday | 6:30pm Doors Open 7:00pm Presentation | Welcome Center | Lecture Series: "Bee Smart: Native Bee Habitat Needs and How You Can Help." Presented by Rebecca Tonietto, Plant Biology and Conservation Ph.D Candidate at Northwestern University. Click for details. |
| April Weekday | TBA | TBA | Mighty Acorns Training/Refresher. New volunteers that are interested in leading youth environmental education activities should contact the volunteer coordinator for more details. |
| 3 April Thursday | 9:00am – 2:30pm | Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg) | **General Restoration Volunteer Day. Rain or Shine. |
| 10 April Thursday | 9:00am – 2:30pm | Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg) | **General Restoration Volunteer Day. Rain or Shine. |
| 12 April Saturday | 9:00am – 1:00pm | Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg) | Spring Plant Moving: Help move prairie plants from the winter storage bunkers back into our shade tents. Many hands make this a fun easy project. Make sure to climb the bunker for a great vista view of Midewin too!! |
| 12 April Saturday | 9:00am-1:00pm | Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg) | Water Quality Monitoring Training. Monitors collect measurements and other data from several points along Midewin's streams monthly. Second training date on Wednesday, April 16 if you are not available for this one. New volunteers must contact Midewin volunteer coordinators first. |
| 16 April Wednesday | 9:00am-1:00pm | Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg) | Water Quality Monitoring Training. Monitors collect measurements and other data from several points along Midewin's streams monthly. New volunteers must contact Midewin volunteer coordinators first. |
| 17 April Thursday | 9:00am – 2:30pm | Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg) | **General Restoration Volunteer Day. Rain or Shine. |
| 24 April Thursday | 9:00am – 2:30pm | Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg) | Trail Maintenance: Midewin's trail stewards need some helping hands along our community trails. Join the stewards on the last Thursday of every month. |
| 26 April Saturday | 9:00am – 12:30pm | Midewin SO (Horticulture Bldg) | Earth Day! Celebrate and save our woodland wildflowers by pulling invasive garlic mustard. Complimentary hotdog/veggie dog lunch, provided by the Midewin Alliance, will be served at 12:30 pm. |
| 28 April Monday | 11:45am – 2:45pm | Turtle Pond via Hoff Rd. Trailhead | Mighty Acorns Youth Program: Help elementary school students learn to collect and identify wetland critters and plant native wildflowers. New volunteers are welcome. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator in advance. |
| 29 April Tuesday | 11:45am – 2:45pm | Turtle Pond via Hoff Rd. Trailhead | Mighty Acorns Youth Program: Help elementary school students learn to collect and identify wetland critters and plant native wildflowers. New volunteers are welcome. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator in advance. |

To RSVP for Volunteer Days and Trainings: Please contact Kathryn Gorman, Assistant Volunteer Coordinator, by phone at 815-423-2148, email kathryngorman@fs.fed.us or use your [Volgistics account](#).

To RSVP for Lecture Series Presentations: Advance registration is required to guarantee your spot by calling our main number 815/423-6370 or email Midewin_RSVP@fs.fed.us.

**** General Restoration Volunteer Days-** The activities for these days will be based on need and weather conditions. Activities may include seed cleaning, brush cutting, herbicide treatment, invasive plant pulling, seed broadcasting, and greenhouse planting. Please be prepared for outdoor or indoor work, as we may do more than one activity on a Volunteer Day.

For Volunteer Days: Midewin will provide tools, safety gear, and water. Please bring your own lunch. Dress in layers with sturdy field boots. Volunteer Days and Events do fill up. Knowing how many volunteers or visitors will attend, allows our staff to better organize the event and we can inform you of Changes or Cancellations.

