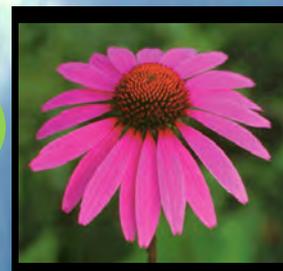


VOLUNTEER VIBE

Shawnee National Forest



Summer 2013

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SAFETY

CORNER...

1. Remember to call in to Kelly (618-559-8648) when beginning your volunteer service for the day. Safety is the #1 priority of the volunteer program.
2. Always check weather conditions before the trip. Be prepared and pack a survival kit to be carried by each person. Kits should include but should not be limited to the following: survival blanket, water proof matches, extra water, and food and a basic first aid kit.
3. Watch out for the warning signs of heat exhaustion; Nausea and vomiting, dizziness, and headache
4. Remember when volunteering that it is extremely important to wear proper PPE (personal protective equipment) at all times. Hardhats are a must, and gloves go a long way to protect hands. Sturdy shoes and well-worn jeans are also handy

Spring Accomplishments

By Pat MacMeekin

This spring, the Shawnee Volunteer Corps (SVC), along with volunteer partners, built 1275 ft. of hiking trail in the Garden of the Gods Wilderness on Indian Point Trail. This includes countless rock structures; retaining walls, steps, and barriers all constructed from the rocks found on the sides of the trail. This comes just in time for the summer, when recreation at Garden of the Gods is at its highest.

Additionally, the SVC welcomed back Baker Demonstration school back for their 3rd year. The 8th grade class was responsible for cleaning up many rock shelters and campsites along the Indian Point trail.

Finally, the first ever Shawnee Family Fun Day was a great success with 30 participants in attendance to learn about a variety of outdoor focused topics, including canoeing, water conservation and Native American history. People tried new things and pushed their comfort zones while also enjoying new connections with nature.



Sierra Club Outings with Uncle Bob: Remember that an RSVP is required for all outings. To reserve your spot, please contact Bob Tyson at (618) 684-5643.

Summer is here, and there are a myriad of exciting outings you can attend! Below is a sampling of events. For a full list visit, please visit the following link:

Sat, 6/29	Early Summer "Rock Day" canoe and rock farm
Sat 7/13	Cycling in Boone County
Sun, 9/8	Cove Hollow Trail



<http://www.illinois.sierraclub.org/Outings/MobileView>

The SVC would like to recognize...

2012 Environmental Ambassadors:

- Erin Carman-Sweeney
- Benjamin Clevenger
- Rebecca Filippini
- Joshua Kunde
- Richard Nessler
- Gina Opper

Team Depot, from The Home Depot, as they volunteered to come out and build hiking trail on the Indian Point Trail at Garden of the Gods.



The Environmental Ambassador Award is given to individuals who perform a tremendous amount of volunteer service for positive environmental projects – like the SVC



Crosscut saws have been in use around the world since historic times with the design of the saws (the cutting surfaces, the bow and shape of the saw, and the handles) changing over time to accommodate differences in the types of trees being cut, changes in metallurgy technology, and the application of experience. They came into wide usage in Europe in the middle of the 15th century. Early saws had a plain tooth pattern until the "M" tooth pattern was developed in 15th century south Germany. Prior to about 1880, crosscut saws were primarily used for bucking with axes used to fell trees. Starting in Pennsylvania about 1880, loggers began using the saws for felling trees as well.

Things to look for in Southern Illinois

July 2nd - Chanterelle Mushroom Season



July 18th - Look out for Chiggers!



August 1st - Tulip Poplar leaves yellowing

August 25th - Listen for Eastern Screech Owls

August 30th - Tickseed Sunflowers attracting Butterflies



LNT Highlight – Water Resources

The heat of the summer brings people close to water, lakes and streams, which makes them susceptible to impacts. So remember...

- *Both solid and liquid human waste can contaminate water sources. Go to the bathroom at least 200 ft. (about 70 steps) away from the water.*
- *Don't wash yourself in lakes. Instead, carry water away from the source, again at least 200 ft., and use only small amounts of biodegradable soap.*

Thanks for your Help at Arborwild! Volunteers:

Thank you to our new volunteers, Katari Powell and Xiaoli Wang, for their assistance this summer with our Conservation Education programs. Katari is a psychology major at Southern Illinois University (SIU) in Carbondale. She helped children and adult groups plant native seeds to take home as part of our pollinator themed Arborwild! event in Carbondale. Xiaoli is a chemistry graduate student at SIU and assisted at this year's Fishing Derby at Lake Glendale with the fish printing station. Look for upcoming conservation education volunteer opportunities in the Help Wanted section of the Vibe!

Additionally, we would like to thank our long time volunteers Nikki Wagner and the SIU Fisheries Department for their continued support with our Conservation Education Programs as we couldn't do it without them!

-Linda Hauser, Visitor Services Information Assistant

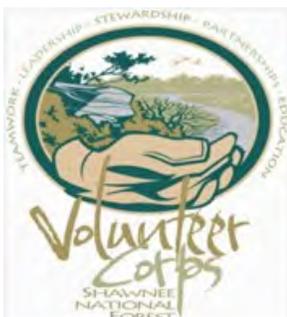
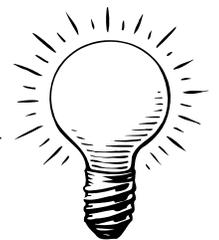
“The experience I endured during Arborwild week was astounding. Meeting such energetic, outgoing individuals rarely comes about. I was given the opportunity as well as privilege to work with many day camps which was fantastic. Every child seemed to be interested in the station I occupied. Working with children is something that I enjoy so teaching the little ones how to grow plants made me more ecstatic. Maybe it was their willingness and participation that helped me to enjoy the experience.

Overall, Arborwild week rocked and was very exciting.” ...Katari Powell



Do YOU have an article so submit to the VIBE?

If so, we would love to see it! Although some articles are written by your humble editor, they have more meaning when they come from volunteers themselves. So, don't be shy— Let us know about your experience while volunteering in, or just enjoying your Shawnee National Forest. Even if you just have an idea for an article, send it to shawneevolunteercorps@yahoo.com.



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Baker Demonstration School:

Eighth Grade Service Trip to the Shawnee National Forest

By: Tyler Leach

Over the past two years, Baker Demonstration School's eighth grade class has committed to developing a service-based relationship with the Shawnee Volunteer Corps. Shawnee National Forest (NF) Volunteer and Trails Coordinator Kelly Pearson has worked closely with the past two groups of eighth grades to help them develop environmental awareness. As part of the program, our students were exposed to monitoring non-native invasive species, conservation education, Leave No Trace Camping, and the work and effort it takes to create and maintain sustainable trails in the national forest.

This year's eighth grade did most of their trail work and service projects around *Indian Point* and at the base of the *Garden of the Gods* (see pictures). And while many of the students were excited about the fancy hand tools they used to maintain the trails (if you don't know the difference between a Pulaski and a Mcleod, just ask one of our eighth graders), they were all fascinated by the natural beauty of places like *Garden of the Gods*, *Ox-Lot Cave*, and *Indian Point*.

To round out the educational component of our trip, Shawnee NF Archaeologist and Heritage Program Manager, Mary McCorvie, led our students through a successful archaeological exploration of Colonel L.O. Trigg's *Resthaven* retreat. During our portion of the excavation Baker students discovered iron nails, animal bone remnants, a penny, and, most excitingly, what appears to be the remnants of a brick walkway that led to Colonel Trigg's house!



CLASSIFIED

HELP WANTED

Seeking Hard working individual to volunteer with **CRITTER NIGHT**, Oct 18th at Lincoln Memorial Park in Jonesboro IL. Applicants must be good with children.

Contact Linda Hauser at lhauser@fs.fed.us to volunteer or for more information

Campground host needed!

Pounds Hollow Campground
Contact the Vienna office at
(618) 658- 2111

Immediate Openings:

Shawnee Volunteer Corps
(618) 833-8576

The Shawnee National Forest and the Cooperative Weed Management Association are looking for enthusiastic and energetic volunteers to assist in identify, map and remove **invasive species**. Training provided! Please call the Shawnee Volunteer Corps at 618-833-8576 if you are interested in learning more.

WANTED: Volunteers interested in assisting with the activities associated with National Public Lands Day on September 28, 2013. Please call the Shawnee Volunteer Corps at 618-833-8576 for more information.

FOR RENT

Go camping at one of the Shawnee National Forest Campgrounds.
\$10 per night

Picnic Area

Visit one of the Shawnee National Forest Picnic Areas
Cost: Free

Lost and Found

Lost: LNT Outdoor Ethics at Little Grand Canyon, dropped some trash at trail head

Found: Wilderness trail construction tools: Pulaski's, McLeod's, Shovels. Wrapped in blue tarp at Panther Den

To Place you Ad
Call (618) 833-8576
Or Email

shawneevolunteercorps@yahoo.com

FREE

Experience: Volunteer Today!



Recreation, Relaxation, and Solitude. Visit one of the 7 Wilderness Areas on the Forest. From Bald Knob Wilderness on the West side of the Forest to Garden of the Gods on the East Side, there is plenty to explore.

Note: see allowable uses before visiting. No Mechanized uses allowed

Miscellaneous

SPOTTED: Smoky Bear and Woodsy Owl, Hiking at Garden of the Gods

Large ape-like creature seeking companion, must like eating raw fish and berries. Ability to live in cave preferred.
To contact Bigfoot, hit rock on hollow tree

1972 - 2012



Volunteers in the National Forests Act

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