Browse these volunteer needs (one time and ongoing opportunities)!
Please note that you should contact the volunteer coordinators directly if interested in the opportunity.
If you do not find something that suits your interest, visit the Public Service Center.
**Agency Name:** Paleontological Research Institution

**Contact Information:** Patrick Branigan, Volunteer Coordinator (volunteer@priweb.org OR 607.273.6260)

**Description of Need:** Construction of the new Stewart Park inclusive playground is starting soon, and they are looking for volunteers to help build. There is plenty of work for people of all skill levels, from general volunteers, sign-in, food service, childcare, and more. To learn more about the project, visit https://www.friendsofstewartpark.org/playground/. To sign up to volunteer, visit https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4aa4a928a0fa7-stewart

**Dates:** September 11-16th, Shifts available from 8AM-8:30PM

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**Description of Need:** The Wesley Hill Nature Preserve is a unique preserve, with hemlocks, old growth forest, and the Wenrich Cabin. Please volunteer to help install stone steps, and stabilize a steep section of the red trail, as well as take in the magnificent vista above Briggs Gully. All tools and work gloves will be provided. We will eat lunch on the trail, so please pack accordingly. Refreshments will be provided, but bring extra water for yourself. We will be meeting at the Wesley Road parking area, near the yellow trailhead. Information on the preserve can be found here: http://www.fllt.org/preserves/wesley-hill-nature-preserve/

**Dates:** Friday, August 31 10:30AM- 2:30PM
Agency Name: Cornell Botanic Gardens

Contact Information: Cat Kana, Youth Education Intern (cak274@cornell.edu)

Description of Need: The Cornell Botanic Gardens is looking for volunteers for Judy’s Day! Join us on Sunday September 30th for a one of a kind environmental education family festival. This fun event features creative hands-on activities for learning about plant families, tastings of plants we eat, storytelling, and music to celebrate plants.

Dates: Sunday, September 30th: Shifts from 12:30-3PM and 2:30-5PM
**Agency Name:** Paleontological Research Institution

**Contact Information:** Patrick Branigan, Volunteer Coordinator (volunteer@priweb.org OR 607.273.6260)

**Description of Need:** With the new year comes new initiatives at PRI, and we are in search of volunteers from the community to help us study the history of life on earth and to educate the public. There are several types of volunteer positions, from Teacher Friendly Guide to Climate Change mailing initiative volunteers, Kids Discover the Trail Docents, and Collections Database Assistants.

**Dates:** Hours are flexible, preferably from 9:00am-5:00pm.

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**Agency Name:** Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes

**Contact Information:** Complete application at www.crcfl.net

**Description of Need:** Interested in a unique volunteer opportunity? The Cancer Resource Center of the Finger Lakes is looking for friendly, compassionate people to provide support to those facing cancer. CRC is a small agency with a big heart, a positive vibe, and a sense of humor. The volunteer’s main tasks are to answer phones, welcome clients, and help with preparations for support groups. If you like to meet new people, socialize, and lend a supportive ear, this is the perfect opportunity for YOU!

**Dates:** Hours are flexible.

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**Agency Name:** Love Knows No Bounds

**Contact Information:** Mihal, Volunteer Coordinator (mihal.lknb@gmail.com)

**Description of Need:** Looking for a way to make a direct, important and immediate impact for our neighbors in need? This is a great way to be of service. Love Knows No Bounds is seeking enthusiastic volunteer drivers* and/or movers for our Furniture Redistribution Program. We have redistribution runs to pick up and deliver donated furniture to families in need in Tompkins County. If you don’t have a way to meet at the truck in the DMV parking lot, we are happy to pick you up. For more information about our non-profit, please visit our website www.loveknowsnobounds.org

**Dates:** Volunteer once or many times, regularly or occasionally. Saturdays from 1 to 5.
Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

**Agency Name:** Catholic Charities

**Contact Information:** Michaela, 607-272-5062 ext 17, MCorsright@dor.org

**Description of Need:** Catholic Charities is looking for reliable and friendly volunteers to run our free clothing closet. Must be willing to commit to one 3-hour shift per week and have basic computer skills. Other tasks may involve sorting and organizing donations, hanging and restocking clothes.

**Dates:** Tuesday – Friday, 9:00am – 12:00pm, 1:00pm - 3:30pm

**Agency Name:** Village at Ithaca

**Contact Information:** Maimouna Phelan, (607) 256-0780, coordinator@villageatithaca.org

**Description of Need:** The Village at Ithaca is looking for engaged community members and college students to help Ithaca area students reach their academic goals during summer. Become an Achievement Coach (tutor) who engages students in their academic development by (1) encouraging them to see themselves as capable learners, (2) working with them to increase their understanding of key concepts in their courses, (3) supporting them to always give their best effort, (4) connecting with them to build trust and comfort, (5) helping them to identify their strengths so they can use them more productively, and (6) increasing positive peer support for academic success.

**Dates:** Tentative Orientation dates are Thursday, June 28th or Monday July 2nd (2 to 3 hours). 2-4 hours per week for 5 weeks during Summer 2018 (July 9th to August 9th)

**Agency Name:** Finger Lakes ReUse

**Contact Information:** volunteer@fingerlakesreuse.org

**Description of Need:** Volunteers are needed for a variety of opportunities including donations processing and operations support, student proposed internships, and training, administrative, and business related opportunities. Apply at ithacareuse.org/volunteer.

**Dates:** Hours are flexible.
**Agency Name:** Loaves and Fishes of Tompkins County

**Contact Information:** Linda at info@loaves.org or 607-272-5457

**Description of Need:** Loaves and Fishes is looking for mealtime volunteers to kitchen prep, cook, serve, dishwasher, and clean up, as well as Tuesday volunteers to pick up produce donations from the DeWitt Farmer's Market vendors.

**Dates:** Shifts are on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9:00 AM – 12PM or 11:30AM- 2:30PM. Tuesday and Thursday shifts are 2:30-5:30PM and 5:00- 8:00PM.

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**Agency Name:** Primitive Pursuits

**Contact Information:** Applications and more information are available on www.primitivepursuits.com

**Description of Need:** Primitive Pursuits is not your typical summer day camp. We are seeking gregarious, enterprising individuals to join the area’s premier wilderness skills mentoring team! Our radical approach to education fosters a meaningful connection to the outdoors through nature awareness, primitive skills, curiosity, community and the mystery of the natural world. Youth aged 3-15 spend their entire days immersed in the fields, forests and waterways of undeveloped nature – gathering resources, crafting tools, navigating the landscape, mastering fire skills and surviving limitless challenges together. Instructors will help craft our nature-based programs, facilitate positive group energy, and keep kids safe and engaged.

**Dates:** June - August 2018
Agency Name: Sciencenter

Contact Information: Judy Ammack, Volunteer Manager jammack@sciencenter.org, (607) 272-0600 X110

Description of Need: If you have an upbeat and positive attitude, strong oral communication skills, and a passion for learning and teaching, then consider applying to become a Sciencenter volunteer today!

“Bluecoat” Museum Floor Staff: Enhance the guest experience by facilitating interactions with exhibits and helping to maintain a safe, clean museum environment for all.

Discovery Space Attendant: Enhance the guest experience by encouraging guests to explore our lending library of science kits including magnets, fossils, electricity and much more.

Connect to the Ocean Explainer: Enhance the guest experience by facilitating interactions with guests at the tide pool touch tank in the Connect to the Ocean gallery and get them excited about the animals, ocean sciences, and animal and habitat conservation.

Animal Handling & Husbandry- Enhance the guest experience by facilitating animal interactions with guests in the Saltonstall Animal Room and get them excited about animals, biological sciences, and animal and habitat conservation.

Horticulture - Assist with maintenance of the museum grounds such as planting, weeding, trimming, and mulching

Dates: Training/orientation is held on a monthly basis.