



## Youth Leadership Project Application Great Parks of Hamilton County

To be used for Eagle Scout, Gold Award, Capstone and other youth leadership projects

Thank you for your interest in Great Parks of Hamilton County. Great Parks values the service provided each year by our more than 700 Great Parks volunteers and the more than 1,000 corporate, school, scout and community-based volunteers that contribute to our organization.

Great Parks is proud to support Eagle Scout, Gold Award, capstone and other youth leadership initiatives. Most projects focus on trails, invasive plant removal, habitat restoration and forest restoration, but Great Parks is open to other project ideas.

To get started, please complete and submit this project application. Once your application is received a member of our Volunteer Services team will phone you for a short interview and to answer any questions you have. Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

While preparing for your project, the majority of communication with Great Parks team members will need to take place Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

Counselor/Leader name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

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Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated project completion date \_\_\_\_\_

1. Areas of interest, in order of preference:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reforestation         | <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Restoration    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail work            | <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive Plant Removal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Painting/Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape             |   |

Project suggestion \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Preferred park or parks, listed in order of preference (visit our website at [greatparks.org](http://greatparks.org) for park locations):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Campbell Lakes Preserve        | <input type="checkbox"/> Miami Whitewater Forest     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Embshoff Woods                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitchell Memorial Forest    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farbach-Werner Nature Preserve | <input type="checkbox"/> Otto Armleder Memorial Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fernbank Park                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharon Woods                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Francis RecreAcres             | <input type="checkbox"/> Shawnee Lookout             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glenwood Gardens               | <input type="checkbox"/> Triple Creek                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake Isabella                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Winton Woods                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Little Miami Golf Center       | <input type="checkbox"/> Withrow Nature Preserve     |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland Mound              |

3. Days and times which you will be available to work (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday a.m.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Monday p.m.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday a.m.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday p.m.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday a.m. | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday p.m. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday a.m.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday p.m.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday a.m.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday p.m.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday a.m.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday p.m.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday a.m.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday p.m.    |

Please list any upcoming commitments that may impact your project schedule (summer school, sports, camps, etc.). Please include dates \_\_\_\_\_

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Please consider the following before submitting your application:

- All project participants, both youth and adult, must complete a volunteer waiver before work can begin on any youth-led leadership project.
- Great Parks does its very best to accommodate each request. However, due to the large number of appeals received each year, it is not always possible to fulfill every request. Projects are filled on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Choose a project you will be proud of for the rest of your life. Do a project that challenges you and helps you grow as an individual.
- Some projects may take one year or longer to complete, so start documenting your project from day one. This makes completing your report much easier.
- Good communication is an essential component of a successful project. Please return all phone messages and emails in a timely manner.
- Record all volunteer hours on a Great Parks volunteer log sheet, keep a copy for your own report and forward a copy to Great Parks upon completion of your project.
- Document your project with photos and plan to share these photos with Great Parks upon completion of your project.
- Great Parks will publicize your project when possible via newsletters, media releases and social media. However, the project leader must supply all information and photos to Great Parks in a timely manner.
- Great Parks of Hamilton County greatly appreciates any and all volunteer service. However, due to recent staff and budget reductions, supplies and funding for volunteer projects may not be available. All materials and fundraising needed to successfully complete a project are the sole responsibility of the volunteer.

**Return project application by mail, email or fax to:**

Great Parks of Hamilton County  
10245 Winton Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45231  
Email: [volunteer@greatparks.org](mailto:volunteer@greatparks.org)  
Fax: 513-521-2606

Please allow four weeks for processing your application.

For questions concerning this application or your project please phone 513-521-7275 or send an email to [volunteer@greatparks.org](mailto:volunteer@greatparks.org). Thank you!