

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

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Joseph H. Williams

TALLGRASS PRAIRIE PRESERVE

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

This Volunteer Program promotes The Nature Conservancy's mission of scientific conservation through tallgrass prairie ecosystem restoration at Joseph H. Williams Tallgrass Prairie Preserve.



A primary function of the volunteers is to interact with public visitors at the preserve. The Conservancy's employees focus on activities directly related to the scientific mission, which means that the "public relations" with preserve visitors is entrusted to our volunteers.

Volunteers explain the Conservancy mission to visitors, provide information about the preserve history, status, bison herd, tall grasses, answer questions, and staff the Visitor Center Gift Shop.



In order to conduct these activities effectively, volunteers receive training in preserve policies and visitor center procedures. Trained volunteers are called "docents."

Volunteers occasionally have the opportunity to participate in special "docents only" activities such as field classes on wildflower and plant identification, butterfly and bird identification, geology, photography, and at least one annual guided hike into non-public areas of the preserve. Volunteers also have the opportunity to participate in specific "work day" activities, such as trash pickup, maintenance of trails or picnic area, and other such needs.



The volunteer program functions with oversight from and interaction with a Staff Docent Program Coordinator. Questions may be directed to any of the volunteer representatives found on the website. If you are interested in becoming a Tallgrass Prairie Preserve docent, contact us or complete and submit the application form on the back of this brochure.

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