



VOLUNTEER WITH US



THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS
RECREATION AND PARKS



INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY

OUR MISSION:
We connect the
people of our
community through
the power of nature,
wellness and
creativity.

Columbus Recreation and Parks Department (CRPD) maintains beautiful green spaces and provides engaging activities and services for people of all ages.

None of this work could be possible without the help of the more than 11,300 volunteers who offer their time to CRPD each year.

Volunteering with CRPD is a rewarding way to give back to the city you love. Volunteers help to make our parks and community centers a great place for everyone to enjoy.



“We all live here and it’s important to give back to the communities in which you live. I enjoy volunteering in Columbus Recreation and Parks because it’s fun and they make it easy to make a difference.”

Vaughn Vernon, 18, Senior at
Patriot Preparatory Academy

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

From individuals to large organizations, every volunteer helps to make our city a better, safer, more beautiful place.

WHO WE ARE

 **1.9 MILLION**
via on-site programs,
events and facilities

 **1.5 MILLION**
via online content, email
campaigns and social
media

WELLNESS



845,000+
PEOPLE UTILIZED THE
CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS



 **122,000**
TOURNAMENT / LEAGUE PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS
AT BERLINER SPORTS PARK

 **162,000**
PARTICIPANTS IN AQUATICS PROGRAMS

302,000
PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AT
5 ATHLETIC COMPLEXES



 **189,000**
GOLF PARTICIPANTS

COMMUNITY

220,000
COMMUNITY CENTER VISITORS



 **543,000**
FREE MEALS SERVED
THROUGH THE SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

4,100
INDIVIDUAL YOUTH GRANT RECIPIENTS
THROUGH THE P.L.A.Y. PROGRAM



 **2,600**
FREE SWIM LESSONS

11,300+
VOLUNTEERS



CULTURE

 **23,300**
CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
VISITORS AND CLASS PARTICIPANTS

200,000+
ATTENDANCE FOR
JAZZ & RIB FEST



WHAT WE ARE

RECREATION



29
COMMUNITY
CENTERS

+ facilities for cultural arts, outdoor education
and therapeutic recreation

5 ATHLETIC
COMPLEXES

6 GOLF COURSES

8 OUTDOOR
POOLS

+ AN INDOOR AQUATIC CENTER

5 SPLASH PADS
AND INTERACTIVE
FOUNTAIN

PARKS



353
PARKS

8,221 ACRES OF
PARKLAND



120

MILES OF REGIONAL TRAILS

3 RESERVOIRS
TOTALING 4,240 ACRES



14 NATURE
PRESERVES

1 SKATE PARK
for BMX, skateboards and
rollerblades



5 DOG
PARKS

RENTABLE SPACES

10 ENCLOSED
SHELTERS | **16** OPEN-AIR
SHELTERS



GET INVOLVED

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COACHING YOUTH AT COMMUNITY CENTERS • GOLF COURSE ATTENDANTS • INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL • PARK CLEAN-UPS
PLAYGROUND BUILDS • PLAYGROUND MULCHING
THERAPEUTIC RECREATION ASSISTANTS • TREE PLANTING
CAPITAL KIDS TUTORS • SPECIAL EVENTS

ANNUAL EVENTS

AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL FEST • JAZZ & RIB FEST
RHYTHM ON THE RIVER CONCERT SERIES • WINTERFEST
COMMUNITY RECREATION HOLIDAY PARTIES

TO LEARN MORE about volunteer opportunities or to sign up for a project, visit columbus.gov/recreationandparks/Opportunities or email volunteer@columbus.gov.