



Searching for Volunteers

Columbus Recreation and Parks Department

Volunteer Services Office volunteers@columbus.gov
or (614) 645-3325

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Columbus Recreation and Parks Department

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Spring/Summer Events 2014

Saturday, April 19
Outdoor Education Spring Clean Up and Open House
Where: Indian Village and Griggs Reservoir
Contact: outdooreducation@columbus.gov

Saturday, April 19
Easter Egg Hunts
Contact: Your Local Recreation Center (page 4) or
volunteers@columbus.gov

Week of April 21
Earth Day Park Cleanups
Where: Parks throughout the City
Contact: Volunteer Office, volunteers@columbus.gov

Saturday, April 26
Earth Day Park Cleanup
Where: Woodward Park
Contact: Terri Maloney Houston,
tmhouston@columbus.gov

Saturday, April 26
Tree Planting Event
Where: Wolfe Park
Contact: Joe Sulak, jasulak@columbus.gov

Saturday, April 26
Local Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run
Competition
Where: Carriage Place Recreation Center
Contact: Kelly Hoffman, kmhoffman@columbus.gov

Saturday, May 31
Sectional Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run
Competition
Where: Huntington Park
Contact: Kelly Hoffman, kmhoffman@columbus.gov

Saturday, June 18
Hershey State Track Meet
Where: The Ohio State University Campus
Contact: Terrence Lawrence, tjlawrence@columbus.gov

Tuesday, June 24
Olympics Day
Where: Barack Recreation Center
Contact: Mark Stansbery, mdstansbery@columbus.gov

July 18-20
Jazz & Rib Fest
Where: Arena District
Contact: Eddie Weeks, eaweeks@columbus.gov

VOLUNTEER WITH US!

The Columbus Recreation and Parks Department is seeking groups, organizations, and individuals to assist in a wide variety of activities, events, and programs throughout the year.

If you enjoy working with special events, outdoor education, natural resources, golf, cultural arts, youth sports, or in one of our beautiful parks, we can help. If your group is looking for a one day community service project or a longer term commitment, we have a wide range of possibilities.

In this publication you will find a listing of the different volunteer opportunities with the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department during the Spring/Summer 2014 months.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please feel free to contact the Volunteer Services Office at volunteers@columbus.gov or at (614) 645-3325 .



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RECREATION AND PARKS
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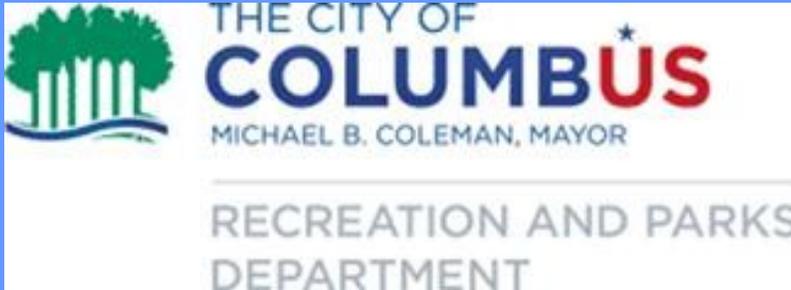
Special Event Opportunities at a Glance

Tuesday, April 1	Deadline to submit Counselor in Training (CIT) volunteer applications Contact: volunteers@columbus.gov
Saturday, April 14-18	5th Annual Friends, Food and Fun Spring Break, Barnett Center Contact: Teresa Featherstone, tfeatherstone@columbus.gov
Saturday, April 19	Easter Egg Hunts Recreation Centers Contact: Your local recreation center or volunteers@columbus.gov
Saturday, April 19	Indian Village Spring Cleanup Indian Village & Griggs Reservoir Contact: Casey Smith, ccsmith@columbus.gov 645-3380
Saturday, April 19-Oct. 11	Honeysuckle Removals Parks throughout the city Contact: Karl Hoessle, kjhoessle@columbus.gov
Saturday, April 19-Oct. 11	Playground Programs Parks throughout the city Contact: Ryan Walters, grwalters@columbus.gov
Week of April 21	Earth Day 2014 Park Cleanups Parks throughout the city Contact: Volunteer Office, volunteers@columbus.gov
Saturday, April 26	Local Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run Competition Carriage Place Recreation Center Contact: Kelly Hoffman, kmhoffman@columbus.gov
Saturday, April 26	Park Cleanup & Earth Day celebration Woodward Park Contact: Terri Maloney Houston, tmhouston@columbus.gov
Saturday, May 31	Sectional Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run Competition, Huntington Park Contact: Kelly Hoffman, kmhoffman@columbus.gov 645-3715
June - August	Community Recreation Summer Camps Various Rec Centers Contact: volunteers@columbus.gov for CIT application. Deadline April 1.
June 18	Hershey State Track Meet South High School Contact: Terrence Lawrence, tjlawrence@columbus.gov
July 18-20	Jazz & Rib Fest Downtown Riverfront Contact: Eddie Weeks, eaweeks@columbus.gov

*For further information on volunteer opportunities & events,
Email volunteers@columbus.gov or call 614-645-3325.*

Thanks to our many wonderful volunteers!

You make a difference!



Columbus Recreation and Parks Department Phone Numbers

**50+ Community
Recreation Centers**

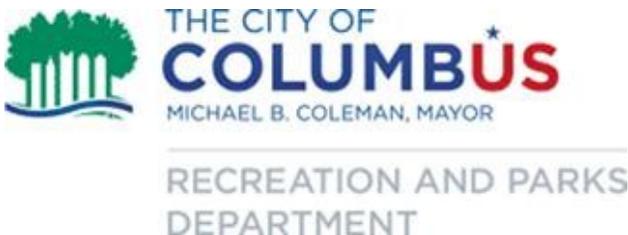
GOLF

ATHLETIC COMPLEXES

Administration.....645-8436	Berliner..... 645-3643	Beatty..... 645-3218
Airport.....645-3127	Big Run..... 645-3075	Dodge..... 645-8151
Champions.....645-7111	Cleo Dumaree..... 645-3696	Gillie..... 645-3106
Mentel.....645-3050	McDonald..... 645-3223	Lazelle Woods.....645-5330
Raymond.....645-3276	Willis..... 645-3180	Marion Franklin..... 645-3612
Turnberry.....645-2582		Martin-Janis.....645-5954
Wilson Road.....645-3221		Westgate.....645-3264
		Whetstone.....645-3217

OTHER SECTIONS

Administration..... 645-3300
Aquatics..... 645-6122
COAAA..... 645-8411
Cultural Arts..... 645-7047
Development..... 645-3316
Indian Village..... 645-3615
Outdoor Education..... 645-5980
P.L.A.Y..... 645-3325
Permits/Rentals..... 645-3337
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General Volunteer Information

Community Recreation Centers

Rewarding, fun, creative, active - the opportunities within our Community Recreation Centers abound! Many of the recreation centers need your help with special events, coaching, scorekeeping, center councils and front desk help.

This is a great way to make a difference in the community and strengthen your neighborhood! To volunteer call any center below and ask for the manager.

Barack: 580 Woodrow Ave., 645-3610
Beatty: 247 N. Ohio Ave, 645-3218
Brentnell: 1380 Brentnell Ave, 645-7640
Dodge: 667 Sullivant Ave, 645-3176
Driving Park: 1100 Rhoads Ave, 645-3228
Feddersen: 3911 Dresden St., 645-645-3083
Howard: 2505 Cassady Ave, 645-3713
Lazelle Woods: 8140 Sancus Blvd, 645-5330
Marion Franklin: 2801 Lockbourne Rd, 645-3160
Schiller: 1069 Jaeger St, 645-3156
Thompson: 1189 Dennison Ave, 645-3082
Westgate: 455 W. Westgate, 645-3264
William H. Adams: 854 Alton Ave., 645-3051

Indian Village: 3200 Indian Village Dr., 645-3800
Therapeutic Rec: 1743 E. Broad St., 645-5648

Barnett: 1184 Barnett Rd, 645-3065
Blackburn: 263 Carpenter St, 645-7670
Carriage Place: 4900 Sawmill, 645-3715
Douglas: 1250 Windsor Ave, 645-7407
Far East: 1826 Lattimer Dr, 645-3159
Glenwood: 1925 West Broad Street, 645-3282
Indian Mound: 3901 Parsons Ave., 645-3224
Linden: 1254 Briarwood Ave, 645-3067
Milo Grogan: 862 East 2nd Ave., 645-7376
Sullivant Gardens: 755 Renick St., 645-8171
Tuttle: 240 W. Oakland Ave., 645-3602
Whetstone: 3923 N. High St, 645-3217
Woodward Park: 5147 Karl Road, 645-3158

Outdoor Education: Indian Village, 645-3380
Ice Hockey: 206-8784

Columbus Kids Care Youth Volunteer Corps

A program designed to actively involve young people in the department while gaining community service hours for school, learning employability skills and becoming involved with their community.

For an application email
volunteers@columbus.gov
or call 645-3325.

How?



Volunteer Application Process

To help match volunteer interests with the right area, the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department asks its volunteers to complete an application which includes a criminal background check and a waiver.

To obtain your volunteer application packet email
volunteers@columbus.gov
or call 645-3325.

Educational Gardens

Discover — and help others discover a world of wonder and inspiration as an Educational Garden volunteer. As a volunteer, you have unlimited opportunities to share your talents, explore new areas, and connect with people of all ages. Volunteers are needed seasonally to help with planting, maintaining, and harvesting our CRPD educational gardens. Gardening experience is helpful but not necessary. All ages are welcome, so bring the whole family. Volunteers will learn firsthand about the significant impact an educational garden has in the community.



For further volunteer information, please contact garden leaders at the following sites:

For Capital Kids Educational Gardens at Beatty, Douglas, Sullivant Gardens, and Marion Franklin Recreation Centers. Please contact Sheri-Lynn Wynn at slwynn@columbus.gov or call 645-3330.

For Lincoln Park Educational Garden at Barack Recreation Center and Lincoln Park Elementary School. Please contact Mark Stansbery at mdstansbery@columbus.gov or call 645-3610.

For information about the Educational Gardens located at Blackburn, Dodge, Howard, Adams, Thompson, Whetstone, and Woodward Park Recreation Centers please contact each site directly or Christina Snyder at clsnyder@columbus.gov or call 645-5980.

Columbus Ecological Restoration Program

Help Needed with Honeysuckle and Invasive Species Removal

Honeysuckle is a big concern for our parks and we need your help in eradicating this invasive species. Although honeysuckle can be an attractive plant, its uncontrollable tendencies are a threat to our parks' native plant species. It grows quickly and tends to block sunlight from lower, native plants.

Scheduled Dates on Saturdays from April to October 9:00 am—1:30 pm

To help with honeysuckle removal on one of the scheduled days, please contact **Karl Hoessle** at **645-2863** or email to kjhoessle@columbus.gov

What to bring: long pants, hat, boots, gloves, water, snack, sunscreen and bug spray.

April 19 - Glen Echo Park
May 3 - Holton Park
May 10 - Island View
May 17 - Rhodes Park
May 31 - Harrison Park
June 7 - Kenny Park
June 14 - Beechwold Park
June 21 - Berliner Park

June 28 - Kiwanis Park
July 19 - Berliner Park
July 26 - Anheuser Busch Park
August 23 - Whetstone Park
September 6 - Kiwanis Park
September 13 - Island View
September 27 - Clinton Como Park

More dates to be added in October!

There are five main varieties of invasive species of honeysuckle living in Ohio today. The bush variety are Tartarian, Morrow, Amur and Bella which is a cross between Tartarian and Morrow. The quickest way to tell if a bush variety of honeysuckle is invasive is by checking the stem. If the stem is hollow then it is invasive and if it is native it has a solid stem.

There is also a Japanese vine variety which is invasive. Their vine's strangle its host and can be identified by their dark berries and white flowers that grow in pairs. These flowers turn yellow later in the season. However Trumpet vines are native and will not strangle its host. They can be identified by their red berries and red-orange flowers.





playground Program



Volunteers for the *Playground Program* meet at 9am at the playground and work until noon. We will spread wood chips as a safety surface on the playgrounds, remove weeds, pick up trash and debris throughout the parks and do a general clean up. All tools and latex gloves will be provided by CRPD but volunteers may want to bring gardening gloves. The *Playground Program* will run from April 19 thru Oct 11.

Please contact Ryan Walters at GRWalters@columbus.gov or 614-645-7953 to schedule your own Playground Program event or take part in one of our scheduled events at the following parks:

- April 19 Antrim Park, 5800 Olentangy River Road, Columbus 43085**
- April 26 Casto Park, 5550 Westerville Road, Westerville 43081**
- May 3 Maloney Park, 1701 Joyce Avenue, Columbus 43219**
- May 17 Mock Park, 2520 Mock Road, Columbus 43219**
- June 7 Holton Park, 303 N Eureka Ave, Columbus 43204**
- June 14 Goodale Park, 120 W Goodale St, Columbus 43215**
- July 5 Alkire Woods Park, 3711 Alkire Lakes Drive, Grove City 43123**
- July 19 Winchester Meadows Park,
7200 Oliver Winchester Drive, Canal Winchester 43110**
- July 26 Lehman Estates Park,
5768 Abraham Drive, Canal Winchester 43110**
- Aug 16 Albany Crossing Park, 5901 Eden Valley Drive, Westerville 43081**
- Aug 23 Carriage Place Park, 4900 Sawmill Road, Columbus 43235**



Be a Park Partner!

If your group, organization, neighborhood or civic association is interested in conducting park cleanup projects or adopting any parks, please complete the form below and return to:

Park Services Volunteer Coordinator
1111 East Broad Street, Ste. 101 Columbus, Oh 43205
email to volunteers@columbus.gov
or fax to (614) 645-8839



Thanks for your support of the parks!

Park Partner Project Form

Contact Person _____ Date of Initial Contact _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (B): _____ Phone (H): _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Organization _____

Anticipated number of volunteers for project: _____

Project Date preferred _____ Start/Finish times for event _____

Preferred park to work in: _____ (If no park preference is stated, please indicate an area of the city preferred – east, west, central, south, north)

#Bags _____ #Gloves _____ needed for volunteers Can be picked up at 1111 E. Broad St., prior to cleanup.

On the day of your cleanup, please place any filled bags and/or larger items in or near a dumpster, if available. Columbus Recreation and Parks maintenance staff will collect the bags at their earliest convenience.

Thanks again!

Park Helpers Needed!



Parks in Need Projects

The following parks need your help:



Topiary Garden in Deaf School Park, Alum Creek Bike Path (Main St. to Livingston), Holton Park, Glenwood Park, Dodge Park, Driving Park, Barnett Park, Krumm Park, Sawyer Park, Beatty Park, Tuttle Park, Thompson Park, Woodward Park, Westgate Park, Blackburn Park, Whetstone Park, Livingston Park, Rhodes Park, Nafzger Park, Mock Park, Big Walnut Park, Northeast Park, Antrim Park, Maloney Park, Anheuser Busch Park, Linden Park and the Columbus Municipal Nursery.

If your group, organization, neighborhood or civic association is interested in conducting cleanup projects or adopting any of the parks above, please email volunteers@columbus.gov to schedule

**Earth Day Park Clean up at
Woodward Park
5147 Karl Road**

**Saturday, April 26, 2014
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

We will be picking up litter, planting flowers, spreading mulch, and preparing the Education Garden for spring planting

Contact: Terri Maloney Houston
TMHouston@columbus.gov

Columbus Park of Roses



Garden volunteers needed to maintain 11,000 rose bushes, the Heritage Rose Garden, a large daffodil garden along with herb and perennial gardens. Needed March through November to help with pruning, weeding, dead-heading, the Annual Rose Festival and many other tasks.

Morning Group Meets:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
8:30am—12:30 pm



Evening Group Meets:
Thursdays 6:00pm—dusk



For more information call:
614-645-6640
Or visit parkofroses.org



Events!!

Therapeutic Recreation Swim Meet

March 8, 2014

Times: Various

Location: Aquatics Center



Need volunteer help with set up, timers, assisting athletes, clean up

**Contact: Rae Nutter at 614-645-5225 or
RANutter@columbus.gov**



TIMERS NEEDED FOR AQUATICS SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS!
DODGE POOL, 545 SULLIVANT AVE
END OF JULY OR EARLY AUGUST (DATE TBD)
9AM-5PM (USUALLY ONLY 5 HOURS)

30 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TIME EVENTS
16 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER
-2 VOLUNTEERS, AGES 14-15, NEEDED AS RUNNERS

**CONTACT: JOHN GLOYD,
JWGLOYD@COLUMBUS.GOV OR 614-645-0156**





Sports



Coaches & Officials

Soccer, t-ball, double-dutch, gymnastics, cheerleading and karate are just a *few* of the activities with which your local recreation center needs your help!

If you are interested in coaching or officiating a sport, contact your local Recreation Center (complete listing on page 3) for more information!

Contact volunteers@columbus.gov for a link to our online application

Baseball Coaches needed at Driving Park Recreation Center
*Must be 18+ to coach

T-ball (ages 4-7), Coach Pitch (ages 7-9) and Majors (ages 10-13).

Season lasts April 8-July 19. Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7p-8:30p
Games: Saturdays beginning May 31 10a-6p

Columbus Municipal Golf Courses

6 golf courses...
Airport, Champions, Mentel Memorial, Raymond Memorial, Turnberry and Wilson Road
...6 great values!

- Rangers & starter positions, event workers, and Junior Golf Series Assistants
- Application required
- FREE golf at all City courses

Contact your local club pro (see page 2) or volunteers@columbus.gov

Therapeutic Recreation presents:

GOALBALL!

4:00—7:00pm Fridays through May 16th @ Franklin Park Adventure Center

Volunteers needed to assist visually impaired participants with coaching and refereeing. Volunteers will be trained!

For more information, contact Mary Beth Moore, 645-5648 or volunteers@columbus.gov

Here's Some More!

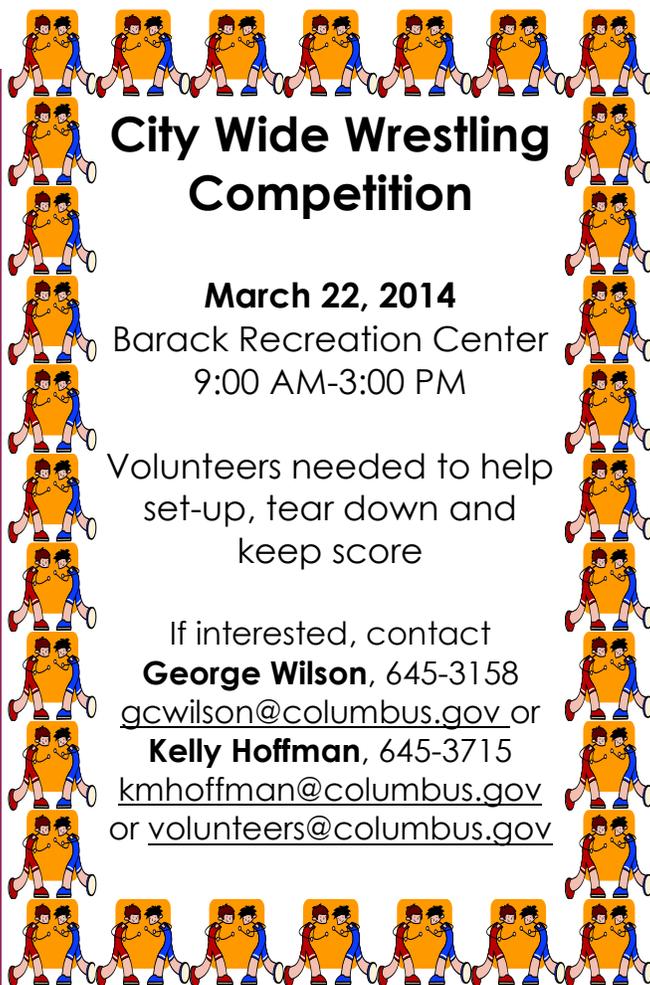


Hershey State Track Meet

When: June 18th 9:00am
Where: South High School
1160 Ann Street 43206

Volunteers needed for two shifts (8-12 in the morning, 12-4 in the afternoon) and some all day shifts 8-4 for measuring long jump, soft-ball throw, chasing softballs, running results, lane jerseys, set up tear down.

Contact Terrence Lawrence
TJLawrence@columbus.gov 614-645-8958



City Wide Wrestling Competition

March 22, 2014

Barack Recreation Center
9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Volunteers needed to help set-up, tear down and keep score

If interested, contact
George Wilson, 645-3158
gcwilson@columbus.gov or
Kelly Hoffman, 645-3715
kmhoffman@columbus.gov
or volunteers@columbus.gov



Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run Competition

Local MLB Pitch, Hit & Run

When: Saturday April 26, at 3:30 pm
Where: Carriage Place Recreation Center

Volunteers needed to help with set up, scorekeeping, measuring and recording.
Looking for 2 – 3 college students.

Sectional MLB Pitch, Hit & Run-dates and sites subject to change

When: Saturday, May 31, at 12 noon
Where: Huntington Park

Volunteers need to arrive at the stadium by 11:00 am and help with set up and scorekeeping. Looking for 5—6 college students to help out.



To volunteer contact Kelly Hoffman, kmhoffman@columbus.gov
or 645-3715



GET INVOLVED!

Jazz & Rib Fest

July 18-20 in the Arena District



It's our 35th anniversary and we need you! Join us and become a Festival Greeter or an Information Ambassador today!

To sign up, visit <http://www.hotribscooljazz.org/volunteer/>



For questions or more information, contact: Eddie Weeks, 614-645-7995, eaweeks@columbus.gov



Application required

Outdoor Education Spring Clean Up and Open House APRIL 19

Cleanup: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Open house: 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Contact: 614-645-3380 or
outdooreducation@columbus.gov

Volunteers needed to help improve the grounds of Indian Village and Griggs Reservoir. Hot dog lunch is provided to volunteers. The open house will include free crafts, archery, fishing and a climbing wall!



Four Foot Hoops BBall League

Help is needed with coaching, scoring, officiating and site management for the 4 Foot Hoops Wheelchair Basketball League.



If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, contact **Luke Edelbrock**, lpedelbrock@columbus.gov, 645-0257 or volunteers@columbus.gov

Great Opportunities with Therapeutic Recreation!

Quest Afterschool Program

Days: M-F during school year
Times: 3:00pm-6:00pm
Location: Whetstone Recreation
Center

Volunteers needed for:
Tutoring, reading, homework
and recreational activities.

Training provided.

Contact: Mary Beth Moore,
645-5648 or
volunteers@columbus.gov

Therapeutic Recreation Fitness Programs

Get Fit—Get Healthy

Every Tuesday and Thursday
Year Round
4:30—6:30pm

Franklin Park Adventure Center
Contact: Mary Beth Moore, 645-5648

Fitness

Every Wednesday and Friday
September -May 2014
11:30am-1:00pm

Franklin Park Adventure Center
Contact: Luke Edelbrock, 645-0257

Aquatic Fitness

Every Tuesday and Thursday
Sept. 2013-May 2014
11:30am-1:00pm

Aquatics Center
Contact: Luke Edelbrock, 645-0257



volunteers@columbus.gov

Boccia Tuesdays

DATEs: September —May 2014

TIMEs: 4:00pm-6:00pm
Franklin Park Adventure Center

Volunteers needed to assist with a wide
variety of field events.

Training provided!

Tournament April 5 at Cleo Dumaree

CONTACT:

Luke Edelbrock, 645-0257 or
LPEdelbrock@columbus.gov

Community Recreation Centers

Opportunities at Barack

Produce Market giveaways April 24 and May 16
(2 shifts, 3 hours each 2p-5p and 4p-7p)

Olympics Day on June 24
Help with park cleanup, set up programs,
& staffing 2pm-4pm

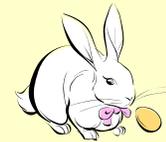
Contact Mark Stansbery at
614-645-3610 or
mdstansbery@columbus.gov

April 19

Egg Hunts
All Recreation
Centers

(see page 4)

*Help with Set up
needed



50+ Recreation Centers

All 7 of the 50+ Recreation Centers are seeking volunteers to assist with various special events, teach classes, gardening, and be front desk host/hostesses.

Make a Difference in your neighborhood today!

**To Volunteer Contact:
Your Local 50+ Recreation
Center Manager
(complete listing of Centers on**

Summer Camp

Counselors in Training Needed



Young adults (ages 13-17) ready to take a leadership role are encouraged to apply for the Counselor in Training (CIT) program. CITs work along side camp counselors where they teach campers, play games, hike, fish and more. Email volunteers@columbus.gov for an application.

Applications due April 1 for community Recreation
Applications due April 11 for Indian Village Camp

Spring Cleaning at Thompson!

May 19-May 23 from 9am-12pm each day
10 volunteers needed

Contact: Lance Barber at LCBarber@columbus.gov

Recreation and Parks



5th Annual Friends, Food and Fun Spring Break!

April 14-18, 2014 at 12 Noon

Barnett Center is in need of volunteers to help set-up, serve and break down food stations for about 75-80 children. Additional help needed with fun activities for the kids after lunch!

Contact: Teresa Featherstone
TAFeatherstone@columbus.gov
614-645-3065



Help Plant Trees in Wolfe Park!

Where: Wolfe Park
105 Park Drive
When: Saturday,
April 26, 2014
12PM-3PM

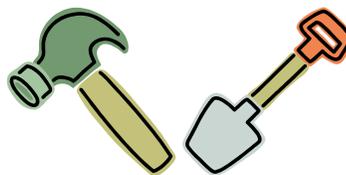
50 volunteers needed to
help plant 25 trees
Contact: Joe Sulak
JASulak@columbus.gov
614-645-6648

Milo Grogan Playground Build

April 29, 2014: Prep Day
8:15am to 4:30pm
25-30 volunteers needed
Minimum 4 hour commitment

May 1, 2014: Build Day
8:00am to 4:45pm

There will be a variety of activities and physical abilities needed such as spreading mulch, mixing concrete, installing equipment, etc.



Contact: Jeff Anderson
645-8958 TJLawrence@columbus.gov
Register at
<http://ourdreamplayground.kaboom.org/milo-grogan>