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**Become A Volunteer Ranger Assistant**

What did you want to be when you grew up? Do you dream of being outdoors, chatting with visitors, enjoying wildlife and helping the environment? Did you think you would grow up to be a park ranger? It's not too late! You can become a Volunteer Ranger Assistant and help park and natural area rangers accomplish much of their important work. As a Volunteer Ranger Assistant you will be an ambassador for natural areas and open spaces.

Volunteer Ranger Assistants (VRAs) are a friendly face on the trail that can answer visitor questions. Volunteers have an important role in caring for trails, kiosks and other amenities. You can volunteer on foot, ride your bike, ride your horse, or even monitor trails in a wheelchair. In training you'll learn about local and regional trails, how to approach visitors, ecology, safety and stewardship. You'll meet rangers from Larimer County Department of Natural Resources and the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Program. You might meet new friends too!

The Volunteer Ranger Assistant program is the perfect volunteer position if you need a flexible schedule. Volunteers are especially needed on weekends. This opportunity is family friendly—your whole family can join the fun! Volunteer with a group, with a friend or by yourself. Get exercise, fresh air and quiet time all while giving back to your community. Volunteer Ranger Assistants will attend 20 hours of training, and are asked to contribute 20 hours of service in return. Benefits include continuing education classes such as first aid and CPR, winter ecology, special behind the scenes tours and more.

**August VRA Training:** August 24 and 26 from 6-9 PM and August 28 from 9 AM-2 PM

**For more information or to apply:** <http://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas/volunteers.php>

**Application Deadline:** Application due July 30, 2010

**Questions?** Contact Rhonda Peckham, 970-631-2933, [rpeckham@fcgov.com](mailto:rpeckham@fcgov.com)

Thank you Fort Collins and Larimer County voters! The Volunteer Ranger Assistant Program is made possible by you- your citizen-initiated sales tax dollars conserve natural areas and open spaces and provide visitor services like the Volunteer Ranger Assistant Program.

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