

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 24

PROJECT LEARNING TREE: ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD, 9 A.M.-NOON

Registration REQUIRED: Learn how to provide fun, scientific, interactive, multidisciplinary lessons for young learners that engage them with music, movement, food, reading, playing, and exploring their world naturally. All participants receive an activity guide, music, prizes, make & take materials and a certificate of hours. The training and materials are a \$35 value – FREE for FC Volunteers! Environmental Experiences for Early Childhood provides an introduction to environmental education, encouraging children ages 3 to 6 to explore, discover and communicate in expressive ways. With more than 130 experiences that engage young children in outdoor exploration and play, it's no wonder Learning® Magazine chose Project Learning Tree's Early Childhood guide as a Teachers' Choice Award winner! Register here: <https://engage.fcgov.com/ActivityRegistration/8e685a07-06be-49d7-b616-2c739b652143>

TIMBERLINE RECYCLING CENTER TOUR, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Registration REQUIRED: Join us for a private tour for FC Volunteers of the NEW Timberline Recycling Center! The first five people to register will receive a complimentary entrance pass to the "hard-to-recycle" area of TRC (worth \$5.00 each) located at 1903 S. Timberline Road. The Riverside drop-off site was relocated, and the new site continues to accept cardboard, paper, glass, and mixed bottles/cans, seven days a week during daylight hours. A separate area of the Timberline Recycling Center can accept certain "hard-to-recycle" items and is open Tuesday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Learn more about the TRC at <http://www.fcgov.com/recycling/dropoff.php> Register here: <https://engage.fcgov.com/ActivityRegistration/bd5cfe50-c2ed-44f1-a1e2-11e6e82ddd77>

Tuesday, April 25

BOBCAT RIDGE SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT, 8:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

Registration REQUIRED: Volunteers will work at Bobcat Ridge Natural Area to trim trees and clean downed sticks and branches out of Buffum Creek irrigation ditch to reduce spring flooding. Please wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and sunglasses. The Natural Areas Department will provide tools, sunscreen, water, snacks, gloves and eye protection. Plan to meet in the Bobcat Ridge parking lot at 9 a.m. Volunteers will work until 12:30 p.m.; lunch will be provided! <https://engage.fcgov.com/ActivityRegistration/e07e8cd8-a7b8-431b-8bae-73e5cb129b55>

FORT COLLINS WATER TREATMENT FACILITY TOUR, 10 A.M.-NOON

Registration REQUIRED: Learn how our drinking water makes it to our taps! Join us for an exclusive tour of the Fort Collins Water Treatment Facility – just for FC Volunteers! Bring your photo ID and/or driver's license. Mr. Cole Gustafson will be your guide for the tour to celebrate National Volunteer Week. Feel free to bring a guest that is not a FC Volunteer. The Fort Collins Water Treatment Facility (FCWTF) enjoys giving tours to the community and gladly opens its doors once a month for tours. The FCWTF operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, and continues treating water even while giving tours. Fort Collins' drinking water comes from the Cache la Poudre River and Horsetooth Reservoir and is treated at the FCWTF. It is distributed to homes and businesses in Fort Collins through 525 miles of water pipelines. Register here: <https://engage.fcgov.com/ActivityRegistration/87b03b0f-ee93-4afd-a146-faec232f8ef7>

Wednesday, April 26

PLANT TAGGING AT THE GARDENS ON SPRING CREEK, 10 A.M.-12 P.M.

Registration REQUIRED: Volunteers are needed to help tag plants for The Gardens' Plant Sale. All training will be provided. Please wear close-toed shoes. Register here: <https://engage.fcgov.com/ActivityRegistration/edf41965-603d-41e6-ada3-b883183897dd>



FOOTHILLS ACTIVITY CENTER TOUR, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Registration REQUIRED: Join Recreation staff on a tour of the new Foothills Activity Center at the Foothills Mall. Foothills Activity Center is Recreation's newest facility. The three-level recreation center is located inside the newly renovated mall and features a gymnasium, workout rooms, and classrooms. Foothills Activity Center hosts youth and adult sports programming, fitness classes, early education activities, and more. Register here: <https://engage.fcgov.com/ActivityRegistration/9c9d3e04-d83d-4edc-8475-fcae8ec62d25>

Thursday, April 27

CERTIFIED TOURISM AMBASSADOR TRAINING, 8:30 A.M.-NOON

Registration REQUIRED: Think you know Fort Collins? ... Think Again! Elevate your Fort Collins IQ and learn how to create an extraordinary guest experience. The Certified Tourism Ambassador program is a national program that educates the hospitality industry. It includes a pre-read document focusing on Fort Collins' history and economic information, a 3.5-hour class, and an open-book test for certification. The class focuses on the impact of tourism on our local economy and how we each play a role in that. There is also a customer service component concentrating on exceeding expectations and creating an emotional connection to add value to visitors' experiences. Find out more at: <http://www.ctanetwork.com/become-a-cta/about-cta/> or contact Samantha at samantha@ftcollins.com or 970.232.3842 Register here: <https://engage.fcgov.com/ActivityRegistration/687d3f7b-e3e5-4d46-821f-748c25f36e6b>

GARDENS ON SPRING CREEK TOUR, 10-11:30 A.M.

Registration REQUIRED: Join the Gardens on Spring Creek Staff on a tour of our local botanic gardens. Learn about the Gardens on Spring Creek and plans for the future. Register here: <https://engage.fcgov.com/ActivityRegistration/de4e3669-0f80-40b5-9bcd-11c8a3cec613>

VOLUNTEERS' FREE DAY AT FORT COLLINS MUSEUM OF DISCOVERY, 10 A.M.-8 P.M.

Pass REQUIRED: Visit the museum and check out the Tot Spot, The Fort in the '50s exhibit, the local history archive, jam in the Garage, see live, black-footed ferrets and other animals, and learn about local history and culture. Volunteers make it all possible at FCMoD – come see what the museum is up to! Passes can be picked up at any of the National Volunteer Week activities or at the front desk of the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery.

Friday, April 28

VOLUNTEER SUMMIT, 4-7 P.M.

Registration REQUIRED: National Volunteer Week comes to a close with a celebration and night of learning at the Lincoln Center. Speakers will share exciting or innovative City project to share with all volunteers. We will have food, an address from the City Manager, and giveaways.

April Volunteer Events for the Community

MONTH OF APRIL – UNITED WAY CELEBRATES NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH uwaylc.org/volunteer

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 – CSUNITY sc.colostate.edu/slice/slice-engagement/csunity/volunteer-registration/

APRIL 22 – EARTH DAY engage.fcgov.com

Eligibility Requirements

Volunteers must be an active volunteer for the City of Fort Collins, or participate in volunteer projects for the City during National Volunteer Week. Whether volunteers contributed two hours or 200 hours, volunteers are eligible to participate in the activities listed above.

Registration Information

Volunteers can register by visiting the calendar on engage.fcgov.com or call (970) 416-4245.