

CITY OF FORT COLLINS

# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES DIRECTORY**



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The City of Fort Collins (FC) Volunteer Program is designed to creatively engage people in their unique talents. Everyone has unique talents, and when those are paired with a passion to help the results can be amazing.

With that aim, the City promotes volunteer involvement to improve services and create community.

This guide is just a brief overview of the volunteer opportunities with the City of Fort Collins. For more information about the programs, and to apply to volunteer, visit [fcgov.com/volunteer](https://fcgov.com/volunteer).


## LEGEND

**LT** - Long-term: requires a commitment of one year or more

**ST** - Short-term: more than one day and less than one year commitment

 - Internship opportunity

 - One day service projects or events

 - Community Service; fulfills requirements for school or court

 - Group projects available

 - Accepts volunteers ages 18 and under

## ARTS & CULTURE

### Gardens on Spring Creek

**LT ST**   

Get involved with your local community botanic garden by assisting in a variety of roles including: gardening, education, outreach and special events.

### Lincoln Center

**LT ST**

Help the Lincoln Center with performances, committees, the art gallery, administrative support and more.

### Museum of Discovery

**LT ST** 

Help the Museum of Discovery with exhibits, public programs, school groups, summer camps, labs, animal husbandry and more.



## ENVIRONMENT

### Graffiti Abatement



Volunteer to clean up graffiti with a group to keep Fort Collins beautiful.

### Master Home Educators



Perform home assessments and educate citizens to solve common problems in the home that cause health implications. Internships are also available for those interested in environmental health.

### Natural Areas



Help in a variety of roles including educating children, helping with public programs, patrolling trails, gardening, and restoring natural areas.

### Nature in the City



Become a citizen scientist and spend time monitoring for birds, butterflies and bees.

### Parks



Help keep Fort Collins beautiful by helping Parks by adopting a trail or park or serving with a group on a 1-Day project.

### Planning



Internships are available in the Planning Department, in addition to planting projects for groups.

City Plan Ambassadors host meetings to discuss the City's new 20-year plan.

### Recycling Ambassadors



As a Recycling Ambassador, you will help people recycle right at the new Timberline Recycling Center by welcoming visitors, answering questions and assisting customers.



**Don't see an opportunity that interests you?**

We can help develop an opportunity or project with you. Fill out a general volunteer application on our website and explain how you would like to get involved!

## GET MOVING

### Adaptive Recreation Opportunities

**LT ST**

Become a volunteer to assist with Adaptive Recreation programs or Special Olympics/Unified Sports.

### Bicycle Ambassador

**LT**

Promote safe cycling by educating adults and helping with events and programs.

### Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts

**1 DAY**

Help collect data to evaluate and build bicycle infrastructure.

### Early Learning

**1 DAY** 

Help with youth programming through internships and events.

### FC Moves

**1 DAY** 

Make transportation-related community events possible by donating your time to run Bike to Work Day, Open Streets and more.

### Safe Routes to School

**LT** **1 DAY**

Help champion walking and bicycling to schools by assisting with events, data collection and outreach to children and school communities.

### Senior Center

**LT**  **1 DAY**

Assist with Senior Center programs, events, and day to day facility operations.

### Trips & Travel

**LT**

Trips & Travel volunteers help with trip logistics where participants are eligible 50 years and up. Driving and non-driving roles available.

### The Farm

**LT ST** **1 DAY** 

The Farm at Lee Martinez Park has summer volunteer opportunities for 13 year olds and group one-day projects.

### Youth Sports Coaches

**ST** 

Coach youth in a variety of different sports teams.



Auxiliary aids & services are available for persons with disabilities.

## JUSTICE & GOVERNMENT

### Boards and Commissions

**LT**

Serve a term on one of the City's 27 Boards & Commissions to inform and advise City Council.

### City Manager's Office Internships

**ST** 

Volunteer in an office environment to co-create our City, perform research or assist with an innovative project.

### Volunteer Services

**LT ST**  **1 DAY**

Volunteers needed for office support, outreach events, and on-call volunteer duties across the organization. Don't see an opportunity that interests you? We can help develop an opportunity or project with you.

### Municipal Court Bailiff

**LT ST** 

Learn about the local criminal justice system by volunteering your time to the Municipal Court.

### Mediation

**LT**

Volunteer to mediate disputes between neighbors.

### Police Explorers

**LT** 

Youth volunteers ages 15 and up can learn about the field of law enforcement and assist patrol officers with their duties.

### Auxiliary Police Unit

**LT**

Fort Collins Police Services offers free training and volunteer opportunities for citizens over 21 years old through the Auxiliary Police Officer program.

### Restorative Justice

**LT**

Volunteer to mediate community conferences for youth who commit offenses and the victims of their crimes.

### Utilities

**ST**  

Group volunteering and unpaid internships are available for students and others interested in water and energy conservation, community outreach, and more.

### Victim Advocates

**LT**

Victim Advocates offer emotional support and crisis intervention to crime victims.





### Adopt-A-Natural Area



Volunteer to take an active role in the stewardship of natural areas by doing monthly litter pick-ups. Anyone can volunteer to adopt a natural area including individuals, businesses, families, homeowners' associations, etc.

### Adopt-A-Neighbor



Shovel snow for a neighbor who is physically unable to do so and cannot afford to hire someone.



### Adopt-A-Park



Assist with park maintenance in order to create a clean park environment for all to enjoy! Adopters can also help with special projects, such as graffiti cover-up, painting projects and planting flowers.

### Adopt-A-Street



Adopt a street segment with a group by picking up roadside litter, and a sign will be displayed for the adopters.

### Adopt-A-Trail



Assist with litter control along the bike trails. An organization or group of individuals can adopt a section of trail for a period of one year.



## CITY OF FORT COLLINS INTERNSHIPS

### Economic Health

For students and others interested in local economics and the triple bottom line approach to sustainability.

### Recreation

Help market Recreation's programs.

### Risk Management

For students and others interested in Safety, Security and Risk Management.

### Social Sustainability

For students and others interested in social health and the triple bottom line approach to sustainability. Volunteers are also recruited for the Multicultural Community Retreat.

### Wellness Internships and Practicums

Complete your internship or practicum with the award-winning Employee Wellness Program at the City of Fort Collins.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY DATES

Event Name	Date
National Volunteer Week	April 15-21
National Volunteer Month Celebration & Pancake Breakfast	Saturday, April 28
Earth Day	Saturday, April 21
Bike to School Day	Wednesday, May 9
Colorado Public Lands Day	Saturday, May 19
Kites in the Park	Sunday, May 20
Spring Poudre River Clean Up	Saturday, May 26
National Trails Day	Saturday, June 2
Open Streets	Sunday, June 3
World Environment Day	Tuesday, June 5
Bike to Work Day	Wednesday, June 27
Cycling Across the USA Service Project and Celebration	Sunday, July 1
All American BBQ	Sunday, July 1
Volunteer Picnic	Thursday, July 26
Picnic in the Park	Wednesday, August 15
Open Streets	Sunday, September 9
Annual Bicyclist and Pedestrian Counts	September 11, 13, and 15
National Public Lands Day	Saturday, September 29
Hogwarts Halloween	October 19 and 20
Treatsylvania	October 26, 27, and 28
Make a Difference Week	October 22-27
Family Volunteer Day	Saturday, November 17
Winter Bike to Work Day	Wednesday, December 12
International Walk to School Day	Monday, December 10

## “I volunteer

because Fort Collins  
loves nature  
as much as I do.”

—Tim Weinmann  
Master Naturalist



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