



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION AND INFORMATION SHEET

Return to 125 McDonald St Midland, MI 48640 or e-mail to info@littleforks.org.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Contact Information

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Consent of Guardian (If under 18)*

Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

In Case of Emergency

Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

How Would You Like to Help?

(See back side for full role description)

- Anything to help out
- Preserve Steward - Attends workdays and cleans trails after storm events
 - I'm okay to work around** power tools? ___ chemicals? ___
- Stream Monitor - Participates in biannual stream sampling events on a Saturday Morning and Monday evening in May and September
- Vernal Pool Monitor - completes a training and monitors 1-3 pools twice in the spring and once in the fall
- Preserve Monitor- LFC has 5 Nature Preserve open to the public and we need volunteers to walk the property three times a year. Monitors will use an App and take pictures. A training will be provided for this role.
- LFC Ambassador - Help spread the word about Little Forks Conservancy! Talk to community members about our programs and assist with tabling events throughout the year. An orientation and packets will be provided.

*by signing you are allowing your child to volunteer with The Little Forks Conservancy and pictures to be taken and used in print or Online. Little Forks is a nonprofit 501(3)(c) organization and a equal opportunity provider.

**a staff member or AmeriCorps Member would be using these items - you would not be asked to use them directly unless you express interest and are trained first.



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When are you available? (*Check all that apply*)

I'm flexible

Weekdays

Weekends

Mornings

Afternoons

Evenings

Shirt Size:

Skills you have already:

Plant ID

Chainsaw Training

Communication Skills

Wildlife ID

Carpentry

Smartphone/Computer Skills

Other:

Skills you would like to obtain:

Carpentry

Chainsaw

Herbicide Applicator

Plant/Invasive ID

Wildlife ID

Photography/Documentation

Other:

Full Descriptions of Roles:

Preserve Stewards – Volunteers attend workdays scheduled by the Stewardship Coordinator working on constructing boardwalks, building and maintaining trails, cutting invasive species, and more! Preserve Stewards are encouraged to attend a minimum of 4 workdays in the year! In addition to attending workdays Preserve Stewards are encouraged to hit the trails after a storm has passed through to toss debris off the trail and report any damage such as fallen trees. Preserve Stewards are invited to workshops and trainings to expand their skill set and have to opportunity to become leaders during workdays.

Stream Monitors – Little Forks' Stream Sampling event is held twice a year on a Saturday and the following Monday night in May and September. The Group meets in Gladwin County and divides into groups of 4-6 people to collect macro-invertebrates from the Cedar River. This is a kid friendly task. Adults are encouraged to attend the yearly Stream Leader Training to become a collector or stream leader – Check out the stream sampling page for more information!

Vernal Pool Monitors – Volunteers must attend a training in March to learn the protocol. Vernal pool monitors will “adopt” 1-3 vernal pools to sample three times a year; twice in the spring and once in the fall – materials are provided. Kids 10+ year old can participate when accompanied by an adult.

LFC Ambassadors – Volunteers can attend an orientation to learn more about the organization and programs such as Land Protection, Nature/Nurture, Stewardship Series, will be given packets with pamphlets and swag so Ambassadors can help us spread the word about the work done by The Little Forks Conservancy. Ambassador are encouraged to talk about Little Forks to individuals and will likely be ask to help at tabling events. (Only 3- 6 Volunteers needed for this role)

Preserve Monitor - Little Forks Conservancy has 5 Nature Preserves open to the public and we need volunteers to walk the property three times a year and using an app on a smart-phone to submit a form and a few pictures. A how-to page will be provided to individuals and access to the app. (Only 3- 5 volunteers needed for this role)