

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Department of Parks and Recreation



Volunteers

DPR Volunteer Program

Q: How does DPR define Volunteer?

A: A volunteer is anyone who chooses to share their skills and time with DPR without compensation or expectation of compensation. A volunteer must complete the DPR Volunteer Certification Process prior to performing any volunteer activities.

Q: How do I apply to be a DPR Volunteer to support a program or athletic team?

A: All individuals are required to follow the DPR volunteer process:

- 1. Contact the Recreation Manager of the facility you selected for interview and approval of your services.
- 2. Complete the online volunteer application. (Insert link)
- 3. Upon approval, complete a criminal background clearance.
- 4. Complete the orientation and training for specific opportunity.

Q: How old do you have to be to volunteer?

A: DPR accepts volunteers of all ages. Volunteers who are 13 to 18 years old are encouraged to join our youth volunteer program, which allow students to get their required community service hours.

Q: What are the volunteer opportunities at DPR?

A: Volunteers are recruited to assist with programs at recreation centers, athletic events, youth sports teams, park beautification programs, and DPR special events. To find updated volunteer opportunities contact:

Alice Miller at dpr.volunteer@dc.gov or 202-671-0129

Q: I have a group interested in doing a clean-up day or community service project in a DPR park; what is the process for scheduling and collaborating with DPR?

A: Organized groups of volunteers (clubs, civic associations, membership organizations, school groups, corporations or local businesses) are asked to complete a Community Scope application and meet with the DPR volunteer coordinator 8-10 weeks prior to a proposed project: Alice Miller at dpr.volunteer@dc.gov; or 202-671-0129