Ways to Volunteer in Spring Lake Park

Below are various ways you can volunteer within the City of Spring Lake Park. If you have any questions, please email: recinfo@slpmn.org or call 763-792-7201 [office hours are M-F 8:00am – 4:30pm].

Youth Volunteer Opportunities

There are many opportunities for youth groups (scouts, church groups, classrooms, etc.) and individuals (Eagle Scout projects, etc.) to participate in programs and projects within the city. In addition, volunteer opportunities are available for youth who need to complete community service work.

Program Leaders

This is a great volunteer experience for teens this summer, working with a variety of ages in our Able Park Summer Camps. If you are 13-17 years old and have some time to share, we could use your help at the Able Park Summer Programs. You will gain valuable work experience that will benefit you in the future.

Qualifications / Description: Organize and run sports or special interest classes during the day or evening hours for youth. Dates: Summer months. Hours: M-F 8:00am – 4:00pm.

Adopt a Park

The adopt-a-park program provides an opportunity for groups to help improve Spring Lake Park city parks. As a steward, you will have the unique opportunity to donate services to the community and enjoy the results of your work. You can enhance our public lands through clean-up efforts, tree plantings, weeding and other projects. Your volunteer efforts in our parks will generate pride in our park system and demonstrate a commitment to your community. As a group or business, you can create a better environment for yourself and the next generation.

How do we adopt a park?

Your group can adopt a park by volunteering at a particular park at least four times over a 12 month period. To adopt a park:

1. Identify a park you would like to adopt, and the type of project you would like to complete. If you are not sure what parks are in your area, call the Recreation Department at 763-792-7201 or click on the map link under our parks & facilities tab at the top of the page.
2. Request an application form, complete and return it. You will be contacted by the Recreation Department to discuss the project(s) that will provide the greatest benefit to the park.
3. Once the adoption is approved, you’re ready to start! Our department is available to help you with any questions or concerns you may have.

**Volunteer Gardeners**

Individuals or organizations are encouraged to participate in the planting and maintenance of city gardens. Opportunities include:

- Spring garden preparation
- Flower garden planting
- Weekly weeding
- Flower deadheading
- Fall garden clean up

Any person or group wishing to participate in the volunteer gardening should call the parks and recreation department at 763-792-7201.

**Special Events**

Volunteers are always needed to help with special events. We have multiple seasonal events available. Please contact the park and recreation department at 763-792-7201 to see what upcoming events are available.

**Skills, Services and Materials**

Do you have a special skill? Perhaps you are a carpenter, roofer or brick mason. Maybe you are a master gardener or landscaper. These talents can be shared to benefit the parks system with the special projects and park development. If you would like to contribute your time and special skills to enhance the park systems, please call 763-792-7201.

**Senior Citizen Volunteer Opportunities**

Periodically we need volunteer assistance to help with special events such as Tower Days, newsletter assemble, Sweetheart Dance gift bags and office mailings. These events are fun, require a small amount of time and do not require extra training.