Citizens for A Healthy Bay

**Description of Work Needed:** Citizens for a Healthy Bay is looking for volunteers to help with their annual MLK Day shoreline clean up event. Volunteers will help pick up marine debris along the Commencement Bay shoreline off of Marine View Dr.

**Please Bring/Wear:** Clothing that can get dirty. It will be muddy – bring boots, change of socks and layers. Be prepared for the weather. Please bring the consent signed consent form.

**Time Needed:** 9 am to 1 pm with a light lunch served at the end

20-30 volunteers needed

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Emergency Food Network

Emergency Food Network is the primary food and essentials distributor to 60 food banks, hot meal sites and shelters in Pierce County. In order to accomplish their mission, EFN operates a Distribution Center and an 8-acre organic farm. With the help from 2,000 volunteers, EFN is able to distribute more than 15 million pounds each year to hungry individuals and families.

**Description of Work Needed:** Volunteers at Emergency Food Network's Repack Project help repackage bulk foods into smaller, family-size portions to be distributed to Pierce County food banks.

**Please Bring/Wear:** Volunteers are required to wear close-toed shoes and must complete the EFN Liability and Waiver form. Sweatshirts or jackets may be desirable as volunteers may be working with frozen foods.

**Time Needed:** 12pm to 2:30pm

15 volunteers needed

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Tahoma Audubon Society

Tahoma Audubon Society is a community-based organization that thrives on volunteer participation. They education about nature, advocate for conservation, and create experiences through birds and wildlife.

**Description of Work Needed:** Volunteers will be working on a natural area in Tacoma (either Titlow Park or First Creek) to remove invasive plant species and spread mulch to suppress regrowth.

**Please Bring/Wear:** Please wear good, close-toed shoes for outdoor work and bring gloves.

**Time Needed:** 10:00 am to 1:30 pm

15 volunteers needed
Tacoma Rescue Mission

Making lasting changes means addressing the complex issues that result in homelessness or addiction. Our Downtown Campus provides complete services to help stabilize and transition people to recovery and self-sufficiency.

**Description of Work Needed:** Helping to prepare and serve meals to the homeless population at our Downtown Campus.

**Please Bring/Wear:** Volunteers are required to wear close-toed shoes and long pants (preferably jeans).

**Time Needed:** 5 Shifts – 6am to 8:45am; 8:45am to 11am; 11am to 1pm; 1pm to 3:30pm; 3:30pm to 6:30pm

**12 volunteers needed per shift**

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**Hilltop Urban Gardens**

Hilltop Urban Garden (HUG) is a community-based urban agriculture, justice, and equity organization in Tacoma. HUG partners with the community to grow healthy food, young people, and neighbors. They seek to inspire their community to live with abundance while understanding and interrupting the root causes of economic poverty & wealthy accumulation and systems of oppression.

**Description of Work Needed:** Volunteers will be weeding and digging to prepare this year’s veggie beds.

**Please Bring/Wear:** Please wear good, close-toed shoes for outdoor work and dress for the weather. Please bring a water bottle and snacks or lunch. HUG has tools and gloves for your use.

**Time Needed:** 10 am to 1 pm

**5-20 volunteers needed**

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**NW Furniture Bank**

NW Furniture Bank helps restore hope, dignity and stability in our community by recycling donated furniture to people in need. Apply your unique abilities and talents in a volunteer role that will improve the lives of people who are transitioning out of homelessness and poverty.

**Description of Work Needed:** Volunteers will help with truck pick-up and deliveries. Pick up furniture and household items at residential and corporate sites. Deliver furniture to clients according to the schedule determined by the NWFB operations manager. Some volunteers will ride in the truck; others can follow along in their car. Must be able to life 50 lb.

**Please Bring/Wear:** Dress for moving furniture; shoes, no sandals. Gloves are optional. Bring water, snacks or lunch.

**8 volunteers needed**
Puget Creek Restoration Society

The Puget Creek Restoration Society (PCRS) protects, enhances and restores the Puget Creek Watershed and similar streams, wetlands and green spaces. We serve the South Puget Sound communities and invite their participation through hands-on restoration, research, education, advocacy, and by promoting a sense of stewardship. We have bottled water, treats, gloves and gifts for them when they are finished. Just think over the almost 18 years I have worked at Puget Creek the UPS family has done almost a 1/3 of the work in this 66 acres and we are very proud of our connection to this fine group of people.

Description of Work Needed: Volunteers are needed to help eradicate of non-native invasive plants; mulching around plants; picking up trash and potentially planting (this is a maybe).

Please Bring/Wear: Full length pants are required and no open toed shoes. Thus jeans, hiking or work boots or shoes to garden in. We will unfortunately have to send students back who are not appropriately dressed as we have insurance requirements and it is a requirement to work on Metro Parks Tacoma property. Water bottles are recommended.

Time Needed: 1 pm to 5pm (meet at 12:30 to walk over)

50 volunteers needed

Tacoma Nature Center/MetroParks Tacoma—Snake Lake Nature Center

The Tacoma Nature Center is a 71-acre nature preserve encompassing Snake Lake and the surrounding wetlands and forest. The Center maintains nature trails, runs nature programs and camps, offers educational experiences, and helps keep with conservation and environmental clean up work.

Description of Work Needed: Volunteers will assist with a variety of outdoor tasks, including but not limited to clearing brush, pruning, working on trails, ditch digging, picking up litter, and installing trail steps.

Please Bring/Wear: Full length pants are required and no open toed shoes. Thus jeans, hiking or work boots or shoes to garden in. We will unfortunately have to send students back who are not appropriately dressed as we have insurance requirements and it is a requirement to work on Metro Parks Tacoma property. Water bottles are recommended.

Time Needed: TBD

20 volunteers needed
Tacoma Little Theatre

Tacoma Little Theatre is a 501(c)(3) non-profit performing arts organization celebrating its 96th year. Each year we produce seven mainstage productions in addition to several specialty events and a year round educational programming.

Description of Work Needed: Volunteers will assist in the cleaning and reorganizing of our costume closets. It will involve removing costumes, organizing, labeling, and replacing them to the storage spaces.

Please Bring/Wear: Clothing that can get dirty.

Time Needed: 2 shifts – 10am to 12:45pm; 12:45pm – 4pm

5 volunteers needed per shift

L’Arche Tahoma Hope Farm & Gardens

It is the mission of L’Arche Tahoma Hope Farm & Gardens to offer a safe and welcoming environment that provides meaningful farm and garden work to persons with developmental disabilities. Working in an integrated setting with people of a variety of abilities and gifts each farm worker, where core member, assistant or volunteer is affirmed in his/her dignity, self-worth and connection to all of life. To put it more simply the goal of the Farm is “Growing People Growing Plants.”

Description of Work Needed: Volunteers will be working in and around the main greenhouses and the Farm preparing for the spring. Work may include:

1. Setting up and prepping Gh #4 – Planting, filling pots, clearing debris
2. Cleaning and detailing the seeing area for seeding to begin
3. Cleaning out the main chicken coop and moving material to be sifted
4. Digging rows in the fields, turning over soil and amendments
5. Turning in the compost from this season and prepping the fields for next year’s plants
6. Organizing the potting shed and pot storage area; labeling racks and prepping trays
7. Digging a water line for the main field area for installation of a drip irrigation system
8. Stacking and cutting wood

Please Bring/Wear: Clothing that can get dirty. It will be muddy – bring boots, change of socks and layers. Be prepared for the weather. Bring snacks to tide you through the day.

Time Needed: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

50+ volunteers needed
Forterra & Green Tacoma Partnership

Forterra’s mission is to act with immediacy to protect, enhance, and steward our region’s most precious resources – its communities and landscapes. Filling a unique niche as the largest conservation and community building organization in Washington State, Forterra is working to build the foundation for our sustainable environmental and economic futures in the face of a rapidly growing population.

**Description of Work Needed:** Volunteers will work with Forterra, the Green Tacoma Partnership and the First Creek middle School Environmental Science Club in the Swan Creek County Park.

**Please Bring/Wear:** Please dress for the weather. Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, close-toed shoes (boots/old tennis shoes) that you don’t mind getting dirty. A warm jacket, rain coat, scarf and/or hat are recommended depending on the weather. Please bring a water bottle. **Every participant is asked to register for the event through their website.** A light lunch, gloves and tools will be provided. You may park in the First Creek Middle School parking lot.

**Time Needed:** 9:00 am to 1 pm

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25 volunteers needed

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**Nisqually Land Trust**

The Nisqually Land Trust works to acquire and manage critical lands to protect water, wildlife, natural areas, and scenic vistas on the Nisqually River Watershed. They are the leading nongovernmental conservation organization in the Nisqually River Watershed area and work with partner throughout Pierce, Thurston, and Lewis counties.

**Description of Work Needed:** The MLK Day of Service will be spent helping plant trees in along the Yelm shoreline of the Nisqually River.

**Please Bring/Wear:** Please wear good, close-toed shoes for outdoor work and dress for the weather. Please bring a water bottle and snacks.

**Time Needed:** 9am until noon – it is about an hour’s drive to Yelm, so you will need to be on the road by 8 am

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20 volunteers needed
Metro Parks Tacoma
Franklin, McKinley, Oak Tree, Pt. Defiance, Swan Creek, Titlow, and Wapato Hills Parks

“Good parks, open spaces and program services contribute to economic development by fostering economic benefits and promoting tourism. Environmentally, they provide green infrastructure and help manage climate change. Socially, they revitalize communities, create safer neighborhoods, help children learn and grow, improve public and environmental health, and support smart growth. Culturally, open space and program services can nurture a sense of place in the community, and provide opportunities to engage the public of diverse backgrounds…Metro Parks strives to be an ethical and responsible steward of Tacoma’s financial, physical, natural, environmental, historical and cultural park resources, to create a legacy for future generations.”

Description of Work Needed: Volunteers are needed to help eradicate of non-native invasive plants; mulching around plants; picking up trash and potentially planting (this is a maybe).

Please Bring/Wear: Full length pants are required and no open toed shoes. Thus jeans, hiking or work boots or shoes to garden in. We will unfortunately have to send students back who are not appropriately dressed as we have insurance requirements and it is a requirement to work on Metro Parks Tacoma property. Water bottles are recommended.

Time Needed: Most sites meet at 9 am until 1 pm

25-100 volunteers needed, site dependent