



Volunteer With Us!

Van Buren Conservation District



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Who can volunteer?

Anyone! No experience necessary; just the desire to get involved, have fun and help make a difference!
 Individuals, families, students, scouts, clubs, business employees, church members and organizations;
 whether you need community service hours or just want to lend a hand we have a variety of opportunities for you!

Event	Date/Time	Location	Description
Tree Seedling Wrapping	Saturday, April 15 (9am-2pm) & Monday-Wednesday, April 17-19 (9am-4pm)	Cronenwett Farm 70121 28 th St. Lawton, MI 49065	Count, wrap and label tree seedlings. Dress warm, wear clothes you don't mind getting wet and dirty.
Tree Seedling Sale Paw Paw	Thursday & Friday April 20 & 21 (noon-6pm) and Saturday, April 22 (9am-1pm)	VBCD Parking Lot 1035 E. Michigan Ave. Paw Paw, MI 49079	Organize trees, assist with pre-orders, help customers find items. Dress for the weather!
Tree Seedling Sale South Haven	Friday, April 28 (time TBA) and Saturday, April 29 (time TBA)	Barden's Farm Market 1101 Phoenix St. South Haven, MI 49090	Organize trees, help customers find items. Dress for the weather!
Stream Monitoring/ Insect Collection	Sunday, May 7 9am-1pm	Lawrence River Park Paw Paw St. Lawrence, MI 49064	No experience necessary. Collectors wear waders in the water, Runners to take netted debris to the Pickers and Pickers on the streambank pick out insects. Dress for weather and the possibility of getting wet and dirty. All equipment provided.
Insect Identification/ Sort & Count	Monday, May 8 1pm-4pm	VBCD Office 1035 E. Michigan Ave. Paw Paw, MI 49079	No experience necessary. Inside Activity. Help identify insects, categorize them, sort, and count. All equipment provided.
Native Plant Preparation	Friday, May 19 9am-11am	VBCD Parking Lot 1035 E. Michigan Ave. Paw Paw, MI 49079	Organize native grasses and wildflower species and assist with packing pre-orders. *Knowledge of native plants helpful
Native Plant Sale	Friday, May 19 Noon-6pm	VBCD Office 1035 E. Michigan Ave. Paw Paw, MI 49079	Organize native grasses and wildflower species, assist with pre-orders and help customers find items. *Knowledge of native plants helpful
Road Stream Crossing Inventory and Survey's	Trained Volunteers Only (2 person volunteer teams)	Maps with Locations provided	Dress for weather conditions. All equipment provided. Able to take photos and fill out data collections sheets to return to VBCD. Able to use own vehicle with valid driver's license. Once trained volunteers can pick their own dates to go out and survey!

Household Chemical, Latex Paint, Tire Recycling Collection	Saturday, June 17 8am set up 9am-1pm event 1pm clean up	VBC Dept. Human Services- 801 Hazen St. Paw Paw, MI 49079	Direct traffic, give/collect surveys from customers, and hand out information. Dress for weather.
River Rescue – River/Stream/Creek Trash Clean Up	Saturday, August 5 9am	Locations across the County- RSVP to the VBCD for specific locations	On foot or on water (kayak/canoe). Clean up non-organic trash from in and on the banks of local waterways. Wear closed toed shoes and clothes you don't mind getting wet and dirty. Gloves, bags, water etc. provided.
Household Chemical, Latex Paint, Passenger Tire Recycling Collection	Saturday, September 16 8am set up 9am-1pm event 1pm clean up	South Haven Dept. Public Works- 1199 8 th Ave. South Haven, MI 49090	Direct traffic, give/collect surveys from customers, and hand out information. Dress for weather.
Stream Monitoring/ Insect Collection	Sunday, October 1 9am-1pm	Lawrence River Park Paw Paw St. Lawrence, MI 49064	No experience necessary. Collectors wear waders in the water, Runners to take netted debris to the Pickers and Pickers on the streambank pick out critters. All equipment provided. Dress for weather and the possibility of getting wet and dirty.
Insect Identification/ Sort & Count	Monday, October 2 1pm-4pm	VBCD Office 1035 E. Michigan Ave. Paw Paw, MI 49079	No experience necessary. Inside Activity. Help identify insects, categorize them, sort, and count. All equipment provided.
Wildflower Garden	April-October	Front of Office 1035 E. Michigan Ave. Paw Paw, MI 49079	Weed, prune and upkeep wildflower garden.
Invasive Species Training & Reporting	Contact the VBCD if you are interested in help report invasive plants in our community	269-657-4030x5 and ask for Nor Serocki	No experience necessary. There will be trainings available to help you identify what plants we are wanting to report and map around Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties. You can download a simple and free app on your iPhone to help us!
General Office Assistance	Year Round	VBCD Office 1035 E. Michigan Ave. Paw Paw, MI 49079	General office duties.

Interested? Visit www.VanBurenCD.org to sign up or call the office and let us know you would like to volunteer. All volunteers will have to sign a Volunteer Waiver and persons under the age of 18 will need to have a signed release form from a parent or guardian.

Questions? Call 269-657-4030x5 or email alison.brucks@mi.nacdnet.net

