



# 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 11 (9am-2pm) & Monday-Wednesday, April 13-15 (9am-4pm)	Cronenwett Farm 70121 28 <sup>th</sup> 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 16 & 17 (noon-6pm) and Saturday, April 18 (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	Thursday & Friday April 16 & 17 (noon-6pm) and Saturday, April 18 (9am-1pm)	Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum 903 S. Bailey Ave. South Haven, MI 49090	Organize trees, help customers find items. Dress for the weather.
Stream Monitoring/ Insect Collection	Sunday, May 3 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 4 9am-12pm	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.
Passenger Tire Collections	May 2, July 8, August 5, October 7; various times	Various locations	Direct traffic, check in RSVPs, give/collect surveys from residents. Dress for weather. Tire handling is not necessary.
Recycle Roundup: Household Recycling Collection	Saturday, June 20 8am set up 9am-1pm event 1pm clean up	VBC Youth Fair 55670 CR 681 Hartford, MI 49079	Direct traffic, give/collect surveys from residents, and hand out information. Dress for weather.
Recycling efforts in local schools & businesses	Various opportunities - TBA	Various locations	No experience necessary. Assist Recycling Coordinator with Waste Audits at local schools and businesses. Must not be afraid to get your hands dirty and separate recycling from trash.

Well-water Screening Week	Monday, August 17 – Friday, August 21, 8am-4:30pm	Van Buren Conservation District Office	Hand out Conservation District information, talk about programming, answer questions (or direct questions to staff), help screen water samples with a simple dip test strip.
Recycle Roundup: Household Recycling Collection	Saturday, September 12 8am set up 9am-1pm event 1pm clean up	South Haven Public Works Depart. 1199 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave. South Haven, MI 49090	Direct traffic, give/collect surveys from customers, and hand out information. Dress for weather.
Healthy Home Fair	September, TBA	TBA	Knowledge of VBCD programs, and/or other environmental topic programming. Set up, clean up, handing out educational materials, directing residents.
Stream Monitoring/ Insect Collection	Sunday, October 4 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 5 9am-12pm	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.
Adopt A Rural Road & Adopt A Stream	Twice A Year – Spring & Fall	You pick the Rural Road/Stream Stretch you'd like to Adopt!	The Program is in developing stages... But if you'd like to get involved please contact AJ for more information. VBCD will provide orange vests and garbage bags for safe clean ups!

**Interested?** Visit [www.VanBurenCD.org](http://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](mailto:alison.brucks@mi.nacdnet.net)