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Elly Doyle Park Service Awards

Hidden Pond Youth Receives Volunteer Award

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board has named Hidden Pond Nature Center volunteer Joshua Buontempo the 2015 Elly Doyle Park Service Award Student Honoree. The annual Elly Doyle awards recognize individuals and organizations that contribute outstanding volunteer service to the Park Authority. One student honoree is named.

Buontempo, who will be a freshman at Lake Braddock High School this fall, has been a youth volunteer at Hidden Pond since the fall of 2012, contributing more than 350 hours of service. Site Manager Michael McCaffrey calls Buontempo a “dynamo” who can help visitors at the front desk, feed animals and jump in to help with a program. McCaffrey says no work is beneath Buontempo. “If the place needs sweeping or I need an extra hand repairing a section of boardwalk, Josh will always step up to help.”

The teen volunteer is described as a team player who works well with everybody, and McCaffrey says “his upbeat attitude stands out as a model for others working with him.” From summer camps, to dressing up like a Ground Hog for Animal Sweethearts Dance, to doing pond studies for birthday party programs, Bunontempo “is a wonderful crowd pleaser.”

The Elly Doyle Park Service Award program was established by the Fairfax County Park Authority in 1988 in recognition of former board member and Chair Ellamae Doyle’s years of outstanding service. Awards will be presented at the Elly Doyle Park Services and Outstanding Volunteers Award ceremony in November.

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