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Benefits Increase for Park Volunteers

There are new benefits and new opportunities for Fairfax County Park Authority volunteers. Although many people volunteer for the sheer satisfaction, a few perks for those who give unselfishly of their time and talent is a gesture worthy of note.

Most volunteers at most parks can now earn free use of any RECenter. There is a minimum hourly requirement to earn the RECenter pass, but it's not much. Four hours a week will do it.

A volunteer who serves 32 hours over a two-month period will qualify for a one-month pass. Continue volunteering and keep your two-month average at 16 hours per month, and you will continue to receive a monthly pass card.

There are volunteering benefits even for those who give less than 16 hours per month. All volunteers who work four or more hours in a month receive a 10% merchandise discount coupon, and any Park Authority volunteer will be able to purchase a RECenter Discount Fast Pass (DFP) at the county employee rate. A DFP allows 25 RECenter visits over two years, and the pass can also be used for friends and family members.

Volunteers with an interest in history may enjoy being part of the new Historic Site Volunteer Corps. These volunteers help care for the Park Authority's historic buildings and structures and historic artifacts. There is an introductory video about the Corps on the Park Authority's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/volunteer/wp-rmdvol-opps.htm.

A new software program makes volunteering easier – easier to sign up, easier to find long-term or one day-opportunities, and easier to find particular volunteer opportunities based on location, need, people you'd like to serve, or your interests.

If you would like to become a Park Authority volunteer, there are several places to get more information. Drop by or call any staffed park site and ask to speak with the volunteer coordinator. Or, get more information online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/volunteer/.

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