

volunteers

Tuesday Morning Group

Come join us for a time of visiting, refreshments, and fun indoor projects including sorting, collating, preparing preschool crafts and items for graduation, cutting, labeling, and many other projects. To volunteer, call 1-815-234-8535 x217.

Where: Jarrett Prairie Center
When: First Tuesday of each month
(September thru April)
Time: 8:30-11am
Cost: Free

Individuals and Organized Groups

The Byron Forest Preserve has service and volunteer opportunities at our golf course, prairie/woodland restoration, and special events. We can arrange times and specific interest projects for you and your group. These areas can be related to awards, badges, or just for the benefit of learning to serve your community and others. For info, call 1-815-234-8535 ext. 217.

Wednesday Woodshop Group

Come join the area men for coffee, donuts, and the opportunity to use your skills in carpentry and woodworking. New woodshop volunteers check in at the Jarrett Prairie Center before going to the Woodshop. To volunteer, call 1-815-234-8535 x217.

Where: Expo Building Woodshop
Enter at Heritage Farm
When: Wednesdays
Time: 9-11 am
Cost: Free

Volunteer Opportunities Abound!!

If you or your group are looking for ways to help in the community, then the Byron Forest Preserve may be the place for you.

We offer many year-round opportunities to help outdoors both managing our natural landscapes with our Restoration Department and at PrairieView Golf Club with golf course operations. We also need help with behind the scenes operations by helping with administrative jobs such as preparing bulk mailings and material support for our preschool programs and special events. If you are handy with tools, our Wednesday morning woodshop volunteers are always looking for extra help. Operating the telescopes at the Weiskopf Observatory is another opportunity to help out on public viewing nights all year round. Want to learn more about bluebirds and their nesting patterns? You can keep records on how many bluebird nesting boxes are being used. We need help monitoring the dozens of nesting boxes at several of our preserves that are used to increase the populations of eastern bluebirds, tree swallows and other songbirds. Help is needed with many other projects. Call Volunteer Coordinator Mark Herman at 815-234-8535 for additional details on how to get started.



Bill Walters checks a Bluebird house for activity