

Mighty Acorns is looking for more than a few good volunteers! If you are interested in leading field trips and introducing children to the world of nature, pick the job(s) that suit your interests and abilities, and contact:

Thank you very much for volunteering!

Field Trip Leader

These folks accompany small groups of children (4B5 to a group) on their field trips to study the biodiversity of prairies, woodlands, and wetlands. They help lead predetermined activities, which include informal exploration (guided, unstructured time in the natural area), focused activities (observations, interdisciplinary investigations, journaling), and stewardship (seed collecting, brush removal or weed pulling, depending on the season). Field trip volunteers receive all necessary training, such as basic plant and animal identification and restoration techniques, along with the tools and resources (e.g., loppers, bow saws, ID books) needed on the trip.

School Coordinator

This person is the primary Mighty Acorns contact for the school. S/he makes sure all teachers receive trip scheduling forms and return them to the coordinator filled out with preferred trip times and dates in a timely fashion; s/he coordinates with the Mighty Acorns program partner to make sure those times/dates are available and relays that information back to the teachers. The school coordinator may also receive mailings from the partner and be asked to distribute copies to Mighty Acorns teachers. (All materials will be provided, so the coordinator will not have to make copies.)

Note: Teachers schedule their own buses for their field trips, and teachers cancel the buses in case of inclement weather. The teacher will inform the Mighty Acorns school coordinator of such cancellations so that the school coordinator can contact the partner to reschedule the canceled trip.

Community Outreach Speaker

Would you enjoy giving presentations about the Mighty Acorns program to other schools, civic organizations, or clubs? If you enjoy addressing larger groups (from 10 to 100+ people), we could use your speaking skills. A prepared Mighty Acorns slide show and script will be provided, and a Mighty Acorns video is available as well.

Newsletter Writer/Editor

Would you enjoy telling others about Mighty Acorns field trips and events? Help us spread the word by producing lively articles for The Seedling, Mighty Acorns' own newsletter. Assignments will be given to reporters, or be totally creative and do a story on your own!

Photographer

A picture is worth a thousand words! Flick some pix in black and white or color. Use an old Brownie or a high-tech digital camera to document Mighty Acorns field trips and events and to capture other images of interest.

Graphic Artist

If you have a working knowledge of layout and design, please help produce the snazziest newsletter this side of Chicago Wilderness.

Volunteer Support

Volunteers are needed to assist in making phone calls, lend a hand with mailings, and help with a variety of tasks as they occur. If you can spare some time to get this important "behind the scenes" work done, step right up!

Other Skills

Is there something we've missed here that you can or would like to do? For instance, can you help produce Mighty Acorns trail guides, maps, or brochures? Let us know how we can help you get involved as a Mighty Acorns volunteer! We'd really appreciate it.