

# **FAQs about Reforestation Work Days**

#### How do I sign up?

If you are a current Metroparks volunteer, you can sign up by logging into <u>Volgistics</u>. Forgotten your password? Click on "Forget your password" and you will be emailed a link to set up a new password. After you've logged in, click on the Sign Up button and choose Reforestation on the drop down menu. You'll see "Help Needed" boxes. Click on the date you'd like to volunteer to see the opportunities available and sign up.

If you are a new volunteer, you will need to fill out a <u>Metroparks Volunteer application</u> online. You'll receive an acceptance email within a week and then you will be able to follow the procedure above.

# What will I be doing?

April 7: *Reforestation Work Days: Root Trimming & Tree Prep*: Volunteers will sort trees into diverse bundles, trim roots with machetes/hatchets, roll up tree roots in burlap and prep for planting.

April 14-15, 21-22, 28-29: *Reforestation Work Days: Tree Shelter Installation & Mulching:* Volunteers will assist with hauling materials out to the planting site, staking the newly planted trees, installing tree shelters and applying mulch. Depending on the weather, where we are in the process, Volunteers may be working on one or all of these activities during their shift.

# What are the requirements for the different Reforestation Work Days?

*Root Trimming & Tree Prep* - Volunteers must be 18+ *Tree Shelter Installation & Mulching* - Volunteers must be 14+; able to walk a mile to the worksite.

# What if I'm under the age of 18?

You can help if you're age 14 and above! See the age requirements for each work day listed above. You will need to have a volunteer application on file which includes a section for your parent or guardian to complete. You will also need to be accompanied by someone who is over the age of 18.

#### What if I want to bring a group?

We would love to have your help! We can especially use volunteer groups for the Reforestation Workdays on April 14-15, 21-22, and 28-29. We need about 20 volunteers per shift so we can take any size group less than that. Please contact Annie Devine (<u>annie.devine@metroparkstoledo.com</u> or 419-407-9841) for a volunteer group application. Please note the age requirements for each work day. If you are planning on bringing a group of youth, we do request that you arrange for adult chaperones with a 1:6 adult to youth ratio.

#### What should I wear?

Sturdy close toed shoes or boots and long pants. Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Dress in layers and dress for the weather! Root-trimming activities will be taking place in an enclosed tent but all the other work days will be done outside, rain or shine (as long as work site conditions are safe and there is no thunder/lightening/high winds).

# Do I need to bring anything with me?

Work gloves, if you have them! If it's cold, hats & gloves. If it's raining, rain coat/poncho/pants. Water bottle

# What else do I need to know?

Once you've signed up you'll be receiving an email a week before your scheduled workday to let you know where to park, how to get to the work site, and any other pertinent details that you need to know. If you have any questions before then, you can contact Annie Devine at <u>annie.devine@metroparkstoledo.com</u> or 419-407-9841.