

ABOUT FRIENDS OF ROGERS

Friends of Rogers (FOR) began in 1969 as a non-profit friends group in support of Rogers Environmental Education Center (REEC) operated by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) between 1968 and 2010. The historical role of FOR was to support annual events for the community, fund intern opportunities and fundraise in support of capital improvements for the Center.

In December 2010, when the DEC closed Rogers Center due to state budget constraints, the friends group decided to undertake the oversight of the Center in an effort to keep environmental education programs available for our community. In April 2011, FOR reached an agreement with the DEC to re-open Rogers Center and to assume fiscal and operating responsibilities.

FOR now operates REEC, holding programs, maintaining interpretive exhibits and a trail system for the public. Facilities include the Visitor Center, Stone House (used for housing our interns), Bird Cabin, Outdoor Classroom, 600 acres of woodland, six miles of hiking and interpretive trails, and two trout ponds stocked with retired hatchery fish.

During 2013, the Center has seen over 6,000 visitors including attendance at our annual events, and FOR interns have reached over 800 students in offsite programs.

None of FOR's objectives would bear fruition without memberships, donations, and your support!

Become a Member!



Friends of Rogers Mission Statement

The mission of the Friends of Rogers is to provide outstanding educational opportunities that excite, inspire, and motivate people of all ages to enjoy, understand, and protect our natural environment



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Volunteer's Voice

*Volunteering at
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Dear Applicant,

Rogers Environmental Education Center welcomes the opportunity to work with you. Volunteers are an important part of our work force and serve many vital functions, from writing news articles and teaching classes, to trail maintenance and carpentry.

There is lots of fun stuff to do around here!

If you are not already familiar with our mission, history, and what we do here at Rogers Center, this brochure will give you a taste of what we are all about.

We make every effort to find services for you which coincide with your skills and interests. There is a description of services needed at the Center in this pamphlet, as well as a check-off list on the application. Of course, these are not the only opportunities available.

We look forward to receiving your application!

Opportunities for Volunteers

Artist par Excellence

Responsibilities: paint, repair, and maintain murals on the wall which represent the natural world and illustrate brochures with pen and ink drawings

Hours: to be arranged with staff

Biological Inventory Taxonomist

Responsibilities: prepare lists of plants and animals found at Rogers Center

Hours: whenever you can

Carpentry Curator

Responsibilities: building bridges, boardwalks, fences, exhibit to add convenience, safety, and beauty to Rogers Center

Hours: to be arranged with staff

Exhibit Curator

Responsibilities: remove dust from mounted animals and cases and assist staff in rearranging displays

Hours: 1-2 hours weekly

Feeder Maintenance Supervisor

Responsibilities: fill fish food vending machines spring through fall and bird feeders fall through spring as well as cleaning feeders once a year

Hours: 2-3 times per week- 1 hour

Interpretative Naturalist

Responsibilities: after proper training and observing, assist or lead classes with youth groups during the week, and/or public programs on the weekends

Hours: as needed



Librarian

Responsibilities: file information, process new acquisitions and reshelv books

Complete training provided

Hours: half a day per week

Nature Writer

Responsibilities: write nature articles (up to four per month) for publication in local newspapers

Articles vary in length and topics will be prearranged with staff

Hours: 1-2 hours per week



Office Receptionist

Responsibilities: greet visitors with a big smile and friendly demeanor, answer the phone, sell bookstore items, maintain inventory and office organization, and help provide answers for visitors questions

Hours: Saturday 12:30-4:30, Sundays 12:00-3:00, and when you can as requested

Surveyor of Nest Boxes

Responsibilities: inventory and record use, check condition, and clean out bluebird boxes and wood duck boxes in the fall

Hours: one to two days in each season

Trail Administrator

Responsibilities: clip branches, spread mulch, pick up litter, and check signs along the trails. Tools are provided

Hours: weekly, as you have time and as often as you'd like

Wildlife Horticulturalist

Responsibilities: plant, weed, and water a section of our gardens designed to attract wildlife

Hours: as many as you have in March when we prepare the beds and one or two days in the fall to weed out the beds for the season

Worm Manager

Responsibilities: feed worms, aerate worm compost box, shred new bedding materials

Hours: one hour, every other week



Other jobs are available, only limited by your imagination, skills, and desires