



The Thielke Arboretum has several ways that teens, ages 13-18, can get involved in environmental issues.

Our top volunteer need is taking care of the land, so all teen volunteers are required to spend three hours working the land.

After that, you can choose to get involved with any of our projects. **These are self-driven projects that require the teen to move them forward.**

Stewards are focused on taking care of the land. **Docents** are focused on educating about the land. Teen Stewards and Docents work with guidance and training from adults.

Content Creators, Researchers, and Innovators use the Arboretum as inspiration for original work. Volunteers can help you get started.

Do you have an idea for volunteer work or a project? Or perhaps you'd like to hear more about these programs? Please contact us; we'd love to hear from you.

Restore the Land

Inspire Learning

Renew the Spirit



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Thielke Teen Projects



Be a **Steward**
of the Land

Our top volunteer need is supporting wildlife habitat, so all teen volunteers are required to spend three hours working on the land. If you enjoy working outdoors and want to do more, then consider becoming a **Steward**.

You'll learn about threats from invasive plant species, pollution, and other issues while you repair habitat. This might include pulling weeds, planting trees, and spreading wood chips.

Stewardship hours are 9 am to 12 noon on Saturdays and Tuesdays. If you have a group, it may be possible to arrange other hours.



Educate others
about the
Land

There are two ways that you can educate others: as a **Docent** and as a **Content Creator**.

Docents share their knowledge of the Arboretum environment to heighten awareness and importance of the need to conserve nature. They lead tours and give educational talks to children and adults.

Content Creators help others understand environmental issues by making new content available to visitors. Create a video or audio guide or a brochure, create a game, give a lecture, or bring in outside speakers. Arboretum volunteers will help.



Research the
Environment

As a Researcher, your own extensive analysis may uncover helpful information. There are two ways to **Research**.

One path is to work as an **Independent Scientific Researcher**. You could create a hypothesis, study your subject and collect empirical data, and develop your own conclusion.

The other route is to investigate informally as a **Curious Observer**. You could read about the topic, speak with experts, watch videos, and note observations from the field.

Arboretum volunteers can help you create a project. The Glen Rock Library Teen Librarian can help you look for related content.



Innovate to solve
problems

Are you an **Innovator** with a creative yet feasible idea that can help us better serve the public and wildlife? Unleash your creative side and find a solution for environmental problems.

Innovative ideas can come from time spent working the land, researching an issue, and talking to others. We'd love to hear about the problem and your idea to solve it.

Join us! Attend an Environmental Education Center Nature Nerd Night. Use tools on site such as microscopes, forestry tape, or content such as plant inventories.