

Volunteer Opportunities for Students (2026- 2027)



	<i>Ages</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Details</i>
R E C U R R I N G O P P O R T U N I T I E S	Ages 12 and older 12 to 14 must be accompanied by an adult; 15 and older must be accompanied by an adult on the first day to complete a release form.	Everything Butterfly Garden	Every Tuesday morning, when the weather permits	Regular hours are 9-11 (April-June ; 8 -10 am start in the heat of the summer (June - Sept.)	Jug Bay's Glendening Nature Preserve <i>5702 Plummer Lane, Lothian, MD 20711</i>	Every Tuesday morning, when weather permits (April - Sept). Regular hours are 9-11; 8 am start in the heat of the summer (June - Sept.). Join fellow gardeners, butterfly watchers, and native plant enthusiasts in our butterfly garden maintenance group. Learn to identify native plants and why they are important, meet the many fantastic pollinators that visit the garden, enjoy free plants and cuttings to take home, and meet wonderful people. Bring gardening gloves, your favorite tools, and plenty of drinking water. FREE. Ages:12 and up; 12 to 14 must be accompanied by an adult; 15 and older must be accompanied by an adult on the first day to complete a release form. Walk-ins welcome! No registration needed.
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	Ages 12 and older 12 to 17 must be accompanied by an adult; complete a release form.	Waterbird Survey	Every other Thursday	7:30 am – 9:30 am	Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary <i>1361 Wrighton Rd, Lothian, MD 20711</i>	Every other Thursday: Join a periodic survey of waterbirds on freshwater and tidal marshes at Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary. The ornithological knowledge and collaborative attitude of our volunteer team create a phenomenal learning experience. All of this in the beautiful early morning light of the Jug Bay Wetlands, on the Patuxent River. Ages: Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Free (entrance fee waived). Registration required at www.jugbay.org Event Calendar and click on the event.
	All Ages Minors must be accompanied by an adult.	Trail Monitor	1 - 2 x a month	Monthly, year-round During open hours, depending on your	Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary <i>1361 Wrighton Rd, Lothian, MD 20711</i> OR	Need flexibility to volunteer? Trail Monitoring is the job for you! Trail monitors regularly walk their assigned trails once or twice a month to perform minor trail maintenance. This includes picking up small trash items, removing natural debris, and pruning trees and shrubs from the trails. Large trash items, downed trees, or other larger maintenance concerns can be reported to staff via

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For additional environmental organizations with volunteer opportunities across the state, visit:

https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/marylander/pages/volunteer_opps.aspx