

Master Naturalists Proposal for Commitment to Waterlife Discovery Center - draft

Options for individual commitment to WDC - all three proposed options would require a 20 hour commitment to the WDC as a portion of the 40 volunteer hours needed each year to maintain certification.

1. Each MN would make a 2 hour commitment to areas of their choice per month.
2. Each MN would make a commitment of 20 hours per year to the WDC.
3. Each MN would make a regular weekly, monthly, seasonal, or yearly comitment.

The 20 hours could be accomplished through the following types of work:

***Interpretive:**

A. School field trip/special event support: as needed

B. Seasonally scheduled interpretive support: Proposal

1. The WDC will be open one day a week for four hours beginning the week after the Fourth of July and ending the week before Labor Day. This is approximately 9 sessions.
2. Two MNs will be on site to:
 - greet visitors
 - direct visitors to attractions or activities at the WDC
 - provide information/clearing house for natural attractions/activities in the surrounding area such as hikes, campgrounds, parks, etc.
 - complete chores during slack periods
3. Must have a commitment by 10 MNs to work two sessions.

C. Ideas for future consideration: all in coordination with IDFG

1. WDC manager - may prepare for field trips (set up/clean up of WDC, supplies and volunteers), coordinate other interpretive activities, and maintenance work
2. WDC facilitator - may coordinate activities for WDC with other facilitators such as field trip facilitator, interpretive facilitator, maintenance facilitator

****Maintenance:**

A. Regularly Scheduled Maintenance: possibly done after field trips or through weekly or monthly schedule:

1. Building interior: Meeting areas - vacuum floors, wipe tables and chairs, clean windows, clean kitchen (counters, sink, frig), bathroom ?
2. Building exterior: sweep porches, sidewalks, wash windows

3. Grounds: mowing, weeding, raking
4. Other?

B. Seasonal Maintenance:

1. Building interior: repair and/or paint
2. Building exterior: repair and/or paint, wash windows, power wash porches and walks
3. Grounds: rake and clean and/or weed grounds and trails
4. Other?

C. Long Range Projects:

1. Building interior: library, permanent (self-guided) learning opportunities along walls (may include posters, displays, videos etc.), shelves/containers for field trip supplies
2. Building exterior: Additional signage on grounds, covered gathering area for presentations and field trips
3. Development of a landscaping plan as well as implementation of the plan
4. Other?

D. Other ideas

*****Operational Support:**

Regularly scheduled assistance: possibly weekly, monthly, seasonally or as needed

1. Office: filing, scheduling, answering phone,
2. Field trips: set up, clean up, stocking/organizing supplies, and/or helping with a field trip as a facilitator/instructor or as an assistant to a facilitator.
3. Interpretive presence for visitors
4. Other?

******Financial Support:**

Regularly scheduled financial assistance:

1. Field trip supplies: amount per field trip?
2. MN Meeting supplies - paper plates, napkins, paper towels, tp
3. Other

*******Additional thoughts:** all chapter projects are adopted only when a specific minimum number of MNs have agreed to support the plan with their volunteer hours to insure that the new project is successfully implemented.

