



2023 Job Shadow Summer Teen Volunteer Program

Founded in 1992, Hermann Park Conservancy (HPC) is a nonprofit citizens' organization dedicated to the stewardship and improvement of Hermann Park, one of Houston's largest and most loved urban parks. Hermann Park Conservancy's Job Shadow Program provides high school students the opportunity to observe and participate in a variety of conservation related activities. The Job Shadow Program enhances understanding of careers in non-profit management and environmental conservation. The experience also gives teens the opportunity to work alongside HPC employees who serve as mentors answering questions and providing career-related advice.

Volunteers Expectations:

- Provide written parental/guardian permission, on the first day of attending, the parent/guardian must sign the teen in on our Parental/Guardian approval form.
- Understand that all activities take place outdoors and activities will vary.
- Have their parent/guardian attend a brief informational session on the first program day.
- Come prepared: wear appropriate clothing - long pants or knee length shorts, shirt with sleeves, and closed toe shoes (**no shorts above the knee, no tank tops, not flip-flops/sandals**). A wide brimmed hat is recommended.
- Bring a filled re-useable water bottle, sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Limit cell phone use. You are welcome to have your cell phone; however, it must not be used during volunteer service.

Requirements:

- 15 to 17 years of age (If you are over 18, please join us for our weekly individual volunteer projects on Saturdays.)
- An appreciation for conservation, parks, wildlife and plants
- Commit to a minimum of 20 hrs. within the 5-week period
- Complete a volunteer application
- Be punctual, responsible and respectful of others
- Parent/Guardian signed release form (waiver & photo release, and application)

Summer Dates: July 6th to August 5th and George Hermann's celebration on Sunday August 6th, 2023, from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Job Shadow volunteers meet each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the Brown Volunteer Center in Hermann Park near the pedal boat kiosk (6106 Hermann Park Dr., 77030). It is not mandatory to come each day, however, if you are later than 45 minutes, please come the next day at the appropriate time.

Participants assist with conservation and restoration projects in various areas in the Park. Tasks may include painting, invasive plant removal, weeding, pruning, stream cleaning, trail repairs, seeding and planting. No experience is necessary. Program hours and dates are subject to change.

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