



Volunteers Needed – Share Your Skills with the Closter Nature Center!

You don't need to be an environmental scientist to make a difference here—our organization thrives on people from **all walks of life**. Whether you're an **accountant, lawyer, marketing professional, educator, designer, or simply someone who loves the outdoors**, there's a place for you with us.

The Closter Nature Center is a small but vibrant nonprofit that depends on the dedication of volunteers to stay active and sustainable. In the past, most volunteer efforts focused on keeping our trails and grounds healthy—through maintenance, invasive species removal, and stewardship. These remain vital, but now we're also looking for volunteers to help us grow in new ways: **strategic planning, administration, fundraising, outreach, educational programming, and more.**

No matter your interests, experience, or skill set, there are countless ways to contribute. When you volunteer, you're not only helping protect a beautiful natural space—you're also joining a welcoming community and strengthening a local treasure for future generations.





We are looking for dedicated volunteers to serve on our committees, each of which is focused on a particular need or facet of our organization. By serving on a committee, you will be working directly with trustees and staff towards the improvement and success of the Closter Nature Center

General Requirements for Committee Volunteers:

- Local Resident with easy access to Closter Nature Center (live within 20 minutes driving distance to the reserve)
- Ability to serve for at least one year to provide continuity and impact
- Able to dedicate 5-10 hours per month, including attending regular committee meetings (to be held on a monthly or bi-monthly basis)
- Actively contribute to discussion and decision making within the committee, take on specific tasks or projects between meetings
- Work respectfully with staff, trustees, and fellow volunteers
 - Represent Closter Nature Center in a positive and professional manner
- Share an interest in Conservation - Education - Recreation
 - Support CNC's ability to remain operational, sustainable, and impactful

Ideal Skills & Qualities of Committee Volunteers:

- Dependable & committed — able to dedicate consistent time each month.
- Collaborative — works well in teams and values diverse perspectives.
- Strong communicator — clear, respectful, and comfortable sharing ideas.
- Organized & reliable — follows through on tasks and meets deadlines.
- Strategic thinker — can see the big picture and contribute to planning.
- Community-minded — passionate about conservation, education, and giving back.
- Creative problem-solver — brings fresh ideas and flexible thinking.
- Relevant expertise — background in areas like administration, fundraising, education, technology, finance, or environmental stewardship (*helpful but not required*).



Committee Descriptions and Needs Summary:

Fundraising Committee: Help secure resources to sustain and grow CNC programs. Duties may include assisting with donor outreach, organizing events, identifying grant opportunities, and supporting membership campaigns. The current priority of the committee is drawing upon local resources (individuals, businesses, foundations) that could financially support CNC on an annual recurring basis. Ideal volunteers have skills in fundraising, marketing, or community engagement.



Technology Committee: Support CNC's digital presence and systems. Tasks may include improving, maintaining, and updating the website, enhancing online communications, maintaining databases, and advising on new tools. Ideal volunteers have IT, web design, or digital marketing experience.

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Assist in maintaining and improving CNC's facilities and grounds. Duties may include overseeing small repair projects, advising on long-term facility planning, improvement of interpretative materials/resources, and improvement project oversight. Ideal volunteers have experience in facilities management, carpentry, landscaping, or construction.



Natural Resources Committee: Guide and support stewardship of CNC's trails, habitats, and wildlife. Responsibilities may include invasive species management planning, trail oversight, supporting seasonal volunteer workdays, habitat restoration, and conservation strategy. Ideal volunteers have experience in ecology, forestry, biology, or outdoor stewardship.



Education and Programming Committee: Help strengthen CNC's educational impact. Volunteers may support program development, evaluate existing offerings, expand community outreach, or assist with special events. Ideal volunteers have teaching, curriculum design, or youth engagement experience. Opportunity for those interested to develop and even lead new educational offerings and programs.





Opportunity to Join Board of Trustees: Closter Nature Center seeks dedicated, knowledgeable individuals to serve on our Board of Trustees. Trustees play a key role in advancing CNC's mission by attending regular board meetings, serving on committees, and actively contributing to organizational planning, oversight, and implementation.

Interested candidates are encouraged to connect with a current trustee to learn more. New trustees will be introduced to the board and organization, and provided with the necessary information and training to ensure a strong start and successful term of service.

Ready to Join the Team?

Fill out the volunteer interest form by scanning the below QR code. Let us know your interests in getting involved and what you bring to the table! We will be in touch shortly with next steps

