



2017 Events, Volunteer Opportunities, Activities & More

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Dear “Friends,”

As promised, following is the information on volunteer opportunities in the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore this spring. We call them opportunities because they all promise elements of learning, socializing, exercise and fun. Then add in NPS rangers passionate about their jobs, boating on the lake, time on an island and the reward of being helpful. As always, the lake is the boss so we often have to make last minute changes. The Park provides the transportation and expertise. We provide the hands and enthusiasm.

Contact me to reserve a spot, ask a question or show a specific interest. I will follow up with a confirmation.

Regards,

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#1 Oak Island Sand Spit Restoration



When: Wednesday, May 31 Time: 10:00am Meeting Location: Roy’s Pt. Marina
Group Size: 4-5 people What to Bring: lunch, water, work gloves, weather appropriate clothes (it’s always colder on the lake) for being on the water, rain gear

We will be planting native grasses on the worn-out southeast sand spit. Kayakers have pulled their boats too far up shore in an attempt to make them safe. The Park has recently provided ‘hitching up’ logs and now wants to re-plant behind them in an effort to stabilize the beach area from wind, wave, and paddlers.

#2 Native Plant Lovers Gaylord Nelson Flower Garden Restoration

When: Monday, June 5th Time: 1pm Meeting Location: Bayfield Park
Headquarters at Rice & N 4th Street Group Size: Any

What to bring: water, work gloves, garden tools (shovel, trowel, clippers, loppers)

This garden is a wonderful collection of native plants that are in need of love and care if they are to reach their potential as an example to the community. Join us in learning how to identify them and their habitat needs, and release them from their weedy inhibitors.



#3 Michigan Island Light Station Gardening



When: Tuesday, June 6th Time: 1:00 pm Meeting location: Roy’s Pt. Marina
Group Size: 3-5 What to Bring: lunch, water, work gloves

Last year’s volunteer gardeners put in over a dozen historical perennial beds. We are anxious to see how they over-wintered and get them cleaned-up and ready for the next season of island visitors. We also will be planting annuals in the raised pots and some annual seeds for lasting color. Old photos show that Michigan’s 1856 light station had beautiful, well-tended gardens and fruit trees.

Coming Up

Trail Crew Brushing: Manitou Island

Roy's Point Marina Group Size: 3-5 people

When: July/August Time: TBA Meeting Location:

What to bring: water, work gloves, lunch

Manitou Island, home of the 1890's Manitou Fish Camp has trails along the west shoreline and through old growth forest. Some more open areas are in need of brushing to prevent the trail from becoming over-grown. Tools will include loppers and handsaws. If you have never seen the restored fish camp you'll be fascinated by the cabin, and the tool filled outbuildings that tell many stories about the people who lived there.

Mainland Trail at Meyers Beach

Meeting Location: Meyers Beach Parking Lot

When: July/August Time: TBA

Group Size: Any What to bring: water, work gloves

A nearly 5 mile, one-way, trail hugs the top of the sea caves at the Bayfield Peninsula's northern edge. Some of it is boardwalk and much of it is through fairly rugged terrain that in places gets overgrown with ferns and brush. Tools will include loppers, handsaws and scythes. The lake looking north is the ever-present backdrop. We will cover as much distance as possible and further assess the trail conditions.

Do you know anyone who likes to sew?

The Park is looking for a volunteer to help with miscellaneous sewing needs, especially mending Volunteer uniforms. Following is more information. The contact person is Jeanette Hoopman (apis_volunteer_coordinator@nps.gov) 715-779-3397 extension 1303.



Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Volunteer Position Description

Position Title: Sewing Specialist

Main Goals for This Position to Accomplish:

This volunteer will be assisting the park in doing various sewing activities, including patching and needlework.

Brief Description of Work to be Performed:

Work will involve acquiring damaged park uniforms and repairing them (if needed) and sewing on patches for the volunteer uniforms.

Length of Commitment:

This duty can be done by an individual several times over the course of an extended period of time, or during a single day. A local individual who could be called upon at their earliest convenience would be preferred.

Tools, Equipment, and Vehicles to be Operated:

No vehicles will be operated within the scope of the position. Tools or equipment used will be limited to basic sewing supplies provided by the park.

Location Where Work Will Be Performed:

At the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Headquarters, address is 415 Washington Avenue, Bayfield 54814.

Physical Requirements of Work: The work is generally seated.

Benefits to the Volunteer: Opportunity to assist the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in their endeavors and maintaining its volunteers & employees' professional appearance

Position Supports Which Division: Interpretation & Education

Supervisory Controls:

Will work under the guidance and support of the Volunteer Coordinator and Lead Visitor Use Assistant, Jeanette Hoopman

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2017 EVENTS - Save the Date!

August 10: "FRIENDS" Annual Meeting Cruise aboard Ashland Bay Express. Our destination is Michigan Island to see the restored lighthouses, the gardens that were planted by the Friends and the Park's new lighthouse exhibits.

October 6, 7 & 8: Stop at our booth during Bayfield's famous Apple Festival and see what fun and interesting things the FRIENDS and the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore have to offer!