



## Volunteer Spotlight



**Name: Dave Knaebe**

**Years of Service—1 year**

**What is your favorite volunteer activity?**

I enjoy maintaining the trails throughout the parks at which I volunteer. Having safe and well-groomed trails is important to our parks.

**What's your favorite outdoor activity?**

I enjoy riding my bike on the bike trails throughout our city.

**What might we be surprised to know about you?**

I became an Eagle Scout when I was 13 years old. Scouting helped develop my love for the outdoors and the importance of environmental conservation. Unfortunately, in today's world our kids aren't as interested in scouting as when I was young.

**What is your favorite Great Park and why?**

My wife and I love Miami Whitewater Park. So many activities are offered there and it is well maintained. The lake is so relaxing.

**What is your life motto?**

"Because Nice Matters" is a motto I try to live my life by. We tend to get what we give so being nice to others often brings nice back into our lives.

## Your Great Parks: Our Roots in Archery

Tom Buckley, Adventure  
Outpost Manager

Adventure Outpost has been running archery programming since 2007, but did you know that the sport of archery has a long history in Great Parks?

In the early 1940s, both an archery range and archery golf course were operated at Sharon Woods by the Cincinnati Archery Association. Beginning in the late 1940s, the Winton Bowmen began operating an archery range at Winton Woods. That archery range grew to cover more than 70 acres, and included both men's and women's ranges, two field courses, and a 9-hole archery golf course.

The Winton Bowmen were led by a man named George Helwig, who went on to coach the U.S. Olympic team in 1972 and 1976, serve as a referee in the 1984 Olympic Games, and direct national tournaments at Miami University for 31 years. George also founded the Junior Olympic Archery Development Program. He is a 1980 inductee of the Archery Hall of Fame. Speaking of the Archery Hall of Fame, another inductee, Ann Clark (Class of 1984), got her start in the sport with the Winton Bowmen at Winton Woods in 1955. She was such a natural, she won the National Archery Association Championship that same year. Ann went on to win multiple championships and receive numerous awards over her 57-year career in archery.

Sadly, the 1960s led to a decline in archery in the parks. Fast forward a few decades, where the Adventure Outpost crew resurrected archery at Winton Woods through a grant from the National Archery in Schools Program. Beginning in 2007, thousands of park guests have been able to learn the basics of shooting a bow on an outdoor range at Adventure Outpost. In 2018, we transitioned to certification with U.S.A. Archery (formerly the National Archery Association), which is the national governing body for competition and the Olympic Team. We are proud to say we are the only outdoor range that provides instruction in Greater Cincinnati. Currently we offer Basic Archery and Archery Games, and we will be offering Intermediate Archery beginning in May.

If you haven't tried it, come join us for a program and give it a shot! The Hall of Fame is waiting.






## JUNE BLOG

Wild About Ginger

<https://blog.greatparks.org/2022/04/wild-about-ginger/>

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## June Volunteer Opportunities

For all Stew Crew projects—participants should bring work gloves, hand sanitizer, insect repellent, water, snacks and wear long pants, boots or sturdy shoes. Tools will be provided.

Link to parks and park maps—<https://www.greatparks.org/parks>

Link to record your service hours—<https://app.betterimpact.com/Login/Login>

In order to make different volunteer opportunities more noticeable we will be color coding projects and programs based on their department. Please refer to the key below:

Conservation & Parks—green      Golf- Orange  
Education & Events—blue

### Invasive Removal at Sharon Woods

Wed 6/1, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Come out to Sharon Woods to help remove invasive shrub species along the Gorge Trail. Learn what invasive plants could be present in your backyards and how to properly remove them. Meet at the Gorge Trail parking lot. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Jessica Stephen at [jstephen@greatparks.org](mailto:jstephen@greatparks.org) or phone 513-646-4217. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew—Sharon Woods \[C&P/East\]](#)

### Park Road Invasive Removal at Shawnee Lookout

Wed 6/1, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Shawnee Lookout C&P is looking for a few people to help control invasive woody plants along the entrance road to create a great first impression for guests. We will be cutting, treating, and removing bush honeysuckle, autumn olive, and multiflora rose and pulling any garlic mustard. Meet at the Shawnee Lookout Clubhouse. To volunteer, sign up on you MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Alex Hearing at [ahearing@greatparks.org](mailto:ahearing@greatparks.org) or phone 513-910-5067. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew—Shawnee Lookout \[C&P/West\]](#)

### Frog Week at Farbach-Werner

Wed 6/1 – Sat 6/4, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Kick off our summer series of nature weeks with Frog Week! See and learn about some of Ohio's favorite frogs and toads. There will be live animals, activities and a craft for kids for a small fee. We will need a volunteer each day to greet, interact with guests and help make a craft. Meet in the Ellenwood Nature Barn. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Julie Stubbs at [jstubbs@greatparks.org](mailto:jstubbs@greatparks.org) or Stephanie Morris at [smorris@greatparks.org](mailto:smorris@greatparks.org) or phone 513-385-4811. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Interpreter Programs—Farbach-Werner \[Edu & Events/Central\]](#)

### Golf Ball Sorting and Driving Range Cleanup at Miami Whitewater

Thu 6/2, 9 a.m. - noon

Come out and help us clean up the golf course! Volunteers will be sorting old range balls from our current supply to put new range balls into service. We will also clean range balls out of the weeds along the edges of the driving range. Meet at the Miami Whitewater Forest Clubhouse. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Jennifer Ridle at [jridle@greatparks.org](mailto:jridle@greatparks.org) or phone 513-202-8125. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Golf Maintenance—Miami Whitewater \[Golf/West\]](#)

### Honeysuckle Bonanza at Winton Woods

Sat 6/4, 9 a.m. – noon

We need your help in tackling bush honeysuckle in one of Winton Woods' most biodiverse habitats. Join us as we cut, rip, pull, and otherwise decimate this unwanted plant. Trained pesticide volunteers are welcome but not required. Meet at the Spring Beauty parking lot. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Jaimie Martin at [jmartin@greatparks.org](mailto:jmartin@greatparks.org) or phone 631-334-3876. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew—Winton Woods \[C&P/Central\]](#)

### Litter Cleanup at Campbell Lakes

Tue 6/7, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Conservation and Parks is looking for help cleaning trash around the fishing areas of Campbell Lakes. The lakes are right along the river and debris and garbage sometimes comes onto park property. Having extra hands allows us to cover more ground and pick up more trash. Meet at Campbell Lakes parking lot. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact AJ Norton at [anorton@greatparks.org](mailto:anorton@greatparks.org) or phone 513-910-5067. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew—Campbell Lakes \[C&P/West\]](#)

### **Invasive Removal at Sharon Woods**

Wed 6/8, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Come out to Sharon Woods to help remove invasive shrub species along the Council Bluff Shelter. Learn what invasive plants could be present in your backyards and how to properly remove them. Meet at the Council Bluff Shelter parking lot. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Jessica Stephen at [jstephen@greatparks.org](mailto:jstephen@greatparks.org) or phone 937-309-2902. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew–Sharon Woods \[C&P/East\]](#)

### **Snake Week at Farbach-Werner**

Wed 6/8 – Sat 6/11, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

See and learn about several of Ohio's native snakes on exhibit this week. A craft is available for a small fee. We will need a volunteer each day to greet, interact with guests and help make a craft. Meet in the Ellenwood Nature Barn. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Julie Stubbs at [jstubbs@greatparks.org](mailto:jstubbs@greatparks.org) or Stephanie Morris at [smorris@greatparks.org](mailto:smorris@greatparks.org) or phone 513-385-4811. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Interpreter Programs–Farbach-Werner \[Edu & Events/Central\]](#)

### **Invasive Plant Removal at Withrow Nature Preserve**

Thu 6/9, 9 a.m. – noon

Withrow Nature Preserve is a hotspot for wildflower viewing. One area that brings a lot of guests to enjoy these spring beauties is the Trout Lily Trailhead. This area also has some invasive plants like honeysuckle, multiflora rose, and burning bush that we need your help removing. You can make a difference by joining our team in removing these and a few other non-native plants to improve the quality of this little gem in the forest. Meet at the Withrow parking lot. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Dan Hart at [dhart@greatparks.org](mailto:dhart@greatparks.org) or phone 513-250-0925. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew–Withrow \[C&P/East\]](#)

### **Invasive Removal Fernbank**

Fri 6/10, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Help us tackle invasives at Fernbank Park! We are looking to clear out honeysuckle and multiflora rose on the Sycamore nature trail. Learn how to identify and treat these invasive species to improve the area in the process. Meet at Sycamore Trailhead. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Hannah Riess at [hriess@greatparks.org](mailto:hriess@greatparks.org) or phone 513-296-7465. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew–Fernbank \[C&P/West\]](#)

### **Invasive Removal at Richardson Forest Preserve**

Tue 6/14, 9 a.m. – noon

Come out and help us protect our 413 acre nature preserve! Richardson is the home of some rare native plant species such as skunk cabbage, marsh marigold, and five-angled dodder. Clearing out invasives in the area will help our native plants flourish! Meet at the end of Lick Rd. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Paul Steuer at [psteuer@greatparks.org](mailto:psteuer@greatparks.org) or phone 513-260-1124. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew–Richardson \[C&P/Central\]](#)

### **Invasive Removal at Sharon Woods**

Wed 6/15, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Come out to Sharon Woods to help remove invasive shrub species along the Great Meadows Shelter. Learn what invasive plants could be present in your backyards and how to properly remove them. Meet at the Great Meadows Shelter parking lot. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Jessica Stephen at [jstephen@greatparks.org](mailto:jstephen@greatparks.org) or phone 937-309-2902. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew–Sharon Woods \[C&P/East\]](#)

### **Turtle Week at Farbach-Werner**

Wed 6/15 – Sat 6/18, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Join us for this exhibit featuring turtles and totally turtle activities. A craft is available for a small fee. We will need a volunteer each day to greet, interact with guests and help make a craft. Meet in the Ellenwood Nature Barn. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Julie Stubbs at [jstubbs@greatparks.org](mailto:jstubbs@greatparks.org) or Stephanie Morris at [smorris@greatparks.org](mailto:smorris@greatparks.org) or phone 513-385-4811. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Interpreter Programs–Farbach-Werner \[Edu & Events/Central\]](#)

### **Invasive Plant Removal at Glenwood Gardens**

Thu 6/16, 9 a.m. – noon

Join our crew at Glenwood Gardens to tackle some invasive species in the park! Volunteers will help cut and treat invasive vines. Meet at the Glenwood Garden Maintenance Building (377 Sheffield Rd). To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Shaun McClary at [smcclary@greatparks.org](mailto:smcclary@greatparks.org) or phone 513-869-9525. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew–Glenwood Gardens \[C&P/Central\]](#)

### **Invasive Plant Removal at Mitchell Memorial Forest**

Fri 6/17, 9 – 11 a.m.

Volunteers and staff will be removing invasive plant species from Mitchell Memorial Forest. The main focus will be working on invasive plants in higher-quality natural areas near the Mountain Bike Trail to help preserve the beauty of

these forested hills. Meet at the Mitchell Memorial Forest Maintenance Building. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Ben Braeutigam at [bbraeutigam@greatparks.org](mailto:bbraeutigam@greatparks.org) or phone 937-405-6212. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew–Mitchell Memorial \[C&P/West\]](#)

### **Asian Bittersweet Control at Woodland Mound**

**Sat 6/18, 9 a.m. – noon**

Asian bittersweet is more bitter than sweet, as it tends to cause damage to our trees. Even some of our mature trees succumb to the death grip of this invasive plant. Your help in cutting this plant and a few others will preserve our forests and brushlands. Meet at the Chipmunk Shelter parking lot. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Dan Hart at [dhart@greatparks.org](mailto:dhart@greatparks.org) or phone 513-250-0925. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew–Woodland Mound \[C&P/East\]](#)

### **Invasive Removal Fernbank**

**Sat 6/18, 9 a.m. – noon**

Help us tackle invasives at Fernbank Park! We are looking to clear out honeysuckle, multiflora rose, and other invasives from the hillside along the road to Riverview Shelter. Learn how to identify and treat these invasive species to better the area in the process. Meet at the front entrance sign. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Hannah Riess at [hriess@greatparks.org](mailto:hriess@greatparks.org) or phone 513-296-7465. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew–Fernbank \[C&P/West\]](#)

### **Carnivorous Carnivora Program at Sharon Woods**

**Sat 6/18, 6:30 – 8:15 p.m.**

Head over to the Sharon Woods auditorium to learn about species in the carnivora order like the sneaky raccoon and the smelly skunk. Volunteers will lead guests to the program location and show them taxidermy specimen. Meet at the Sharon Center. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact James Harris at [jharris@greatparks.org](mailto:jharris@greatparks.org) or phone 216-702-1766. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Interpreter Programs–Sharon Woods \[Edu & Events/East\]](#)

### **Callery Pear Cutting at Winton Woods**

**Mon 6/20, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

The Paul Tract is an area worth protecting, and you can do your part as we tackle callery pear. Trained pesticide volunteers are welcomed but not required. Meet at the Paul Tract. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/ List. For questions, contact Adam McCosham at

[amccosham@greatparks.org](mailto:amccosham@greatparks.org) or phone 513-978-7198.

For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew–Winton Woods \[C&P/Central\]](#)

### **Solstice Saunter at Woodland Mound**

**Tue 6/21, 8:15 – 10:15 p.m.**

Come out to Woodland Mound to celebrate the summer solstice... the longest day of the year. The sun's power can be felt all around! We'll celebrate with flower crowns, quiet contemplation, a sunset hike, and a bonfire overlooking the Ohio River. Volunteers will help set up the fire pit and get the fire going while we finish our hike. Meet at the Seasongood Nature Center. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Lisa Salehpour at [lsalehpour@greatparks.org](mailto:lsalehpour@greatparks.org) or phone 513-289-6609. For volunteers ages 18 and up. [Interpreter Programs–Woodland Mound \[Edu & Events/East\]](#)

### **Asian Bittersweet Control at Withrow Nature Preserve**

**Wed 6/22, 9 a.m. – noon**

Asian bittersweet is more bitter than sweet, as it tends to cause damage to our trees. Even some of our mature trees succumb to the death grip of this invasive plant. Your help in cutting this plant and a few others will preserve our forests and brushlands. Meet at the Withrow parking lot. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Dan Hart at [dhart@greatparks.org](mailto:dhart@greatparks.org) or phone 513-250-0925. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew–Withrow \[C&P/East\]](#)

### **Trail Touch-up at Shawnee Lookout**

**Wed 6/22, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Escape the summer heat in the forest shade, learn about trail features and maintenance, and enjoy a nice hike while keeping trails safe and fun for hikers. We will be clearing and building rolling grade dips, removing ineffective trail features, and pruning trail corridors. Meet at the Blue Jacket Trail parking lot. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Alex Hearing at [ahearing@greatparks.org](mailto:ahearing@greatparks.org) or phone 513-910-5067. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew–Shawnee Lookout \[C&P/West\]](#)

### **Raptors of Ohio Week at Farbach-Werner**

**Wed 6/22 – Sat 6/25, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

See Ohio raptors at this popular annual exhibit. Dissect an owl pellet or make a craft for a small fee. We will need a volunteer each day to greet, interact with guests and help make a craft. Meet in the Ellenwood Nature Barn. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, con-

tact Julie Stubbs at [jstubbs@greatparks.org](mailto:jstubbs@greatparks.org) or Stephanie Morris at [smorris@greatparks.org](mailto:smorris@greatparks.org) or phone 513-385-4811. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Interpreter Programs–Farbach-Werner \[Edu & Events/Central\]](#)

### Litter Gittin' at Winton Woods

Thu 6/23, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Want to get some fresh air while doing some good? We are going to break out the safety vests as we clean up some well-travelled roads and some of the most mature woods Winton Woods has to offer. Meet at the Winton Woods Maintenance Building (10500 Golf View Dr). To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Adam McCosham at [amccosham@greatparks.org](mailto:amccosham@greatparks.org) or phone 513-978-7198. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew–Winton Woods \[C&P/Central\]](#)

### Outer Loop Invasive Clearing at the Miami Whitewater

Thu 6/23, noon – 2 p.m.

Last year Great Parks Volunteers started clearing the honeysuckle and autumn olive along the outer loop of the Bike Trail. We will continue this effort and clear out even more of these invasive species. Meet at the Bike Trail parking lot area. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact AJ Norton at [anorton@greatparks.org](mailto:anorton@greatparks.org) or phone 513-910-5067. For volunteers ages 18 and up. [Stew Crew–Miami Whitewater \[C&P/West\]](#)

### Invasive Removal Fernbank

Fri 6/24, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Help us tackle invasives at Fernbank Park! We are looking to clear out honeysuckle and multiflora rose on the Sycamore nature trail. Learn how to identify and treat these invasive species to improve the area in the process. Meet at Sycamore Trailhead. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Hannah Riess at [hriess@greatparks.org](mailto:hriess@greatparks.org) or phone 513-296-7465. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew–Fernbank \[C&P/West\]](#)

### Lake Cleanup at Sharon Woods

Sat 6/25, 8:30–10:30 a.m.

Come out to Sharon Woods to help clean up our environment for park visitors and wildlife. We will be picking up trash along the lake edge. Bags, gloves, and trash pickers will be provided! This event does require walking 1-2 miles. Meet at the Harbor parking lot. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Jessica Stephen at [jstephen@greatparks.org](mailto:jstephen@greatparks.org) or phone 937-309-2902. For volunteers ages 14 and up. [Stew Crew–Sharon Woods \[C&P/East\]](#)

### Monarch Mania at Woodland Mound

Sat 6/25, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Stop by Woodland Mound to celebrate Pollinator Week and the arrival of Monarch butterflies! We'll have stations on the paved path around the prairie where the family can play games, do crafts, solve puzzles and learn about Monarchs and other powerful pollinators. Volunteers will help run the stations near the prairie, interacting with guests and helping them understand the activities. Meet at the Seasongood Nature Center. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Lisa Salehpour at [lsalehpour@greatparks.org](mailto:lsalehpour@greatparks.org) or phone 513-289-6609. For volunteers ages 18 and up. [Interpreter Programs–Woodland Mound \[Edu & Events/East\]](#)

### Nature Art & Play Week at Farbach-Werner

Wed 6/29 – Sat 7/2, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Volunteer to help guests play nature-inspired games and make nature inspired art during this week designed to help nurture their creativity and connection to nature and the community. Meet in the Ellenwood Nature Barn. To volunteer, sign up on the MIP Calendar/List. For questions, contact Julie Stubbs at [jstubbs@greatparks.org](mailto:jstubbs@greatparks.org) or Stephanie Morris at [smorris@greatparks.org](mailto:smorris@greatparks.org) or phone 513-385-4811. For volunteers ages 14 and up.

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Wildflowers are at their peak bloom in the parks! Check out some of the beautiful native species spotted on our trails. Pictured on the left is a Wild Geranium and pictured on the right is White Champion.

## Shout Outs

I wanted to highlight Dave Knaebe and Elmer Weingartner's most recent projects. Dave dug out the old poles, weeded, and filled in the horseshoe pits over here at Fernbank (top right photo). It was a huge task to get them back up to standard since they have been largely neglected for the last few years. Elmer built us an awesome shelving unit (bottom right photo) out of scrap wood lying around so that our backpack blowers, string trimmers, and other tools actually have a designated place off the floor. Both continue to work diligently and their hard work does not go unnoticed. Even our regular park patrons ask about these volunteers since they have such a great impact on this park.

– Hannah Riess, Conservation & Parks Technician at Fernbank



Thank you all for helping with Out of This World this year! I know it was a little chaotic but you all stepped up and helped create memories that our guests will cherish for years to come. We even had guests come two days in a row! Without your help and experience, I know we could not have pulled this program off! Thanks again, and I hope to see you all next year!

– Tom Hughes, Interpreter at Sharon Woods

Well another ViP project in the books for Glenwood Gardens. We spread 2 yards of mushroom compost and mulched 6 yards of pine fines. We got it done so quick, we had time to pull some wild garlic (smell like onion). Thanks for volunteering at Great Parks.

– Shaun McClary, Conservation & Parks Technician at Glenwood Gardens