



## Youth Volunteers for Conservation FAQs

[www.lussierheritagecenter.com/YV4C](http://www.lussierheritagecenter.com/YV4C)



### 1. Questions or Concerns

- If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out. Or, connect with a YV4C Leadership Council member at an event to share your ideas.

[Kloppenburg.micah@countyofdane.com](mailto:Kloppenburg.micah@countyofdane.com) or 608-609-0349

### 2. Volunteer Workday Information

- All workdays are from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Workday information will be updated as it is finalized. Keep an eye on our [website](#) and your email for new workday details (especially park location and parking instructions).
- Please [sign up](#) for all the workdays you'd like to participate in. For our inaugural year advance registration is required.
- We're trialing the Remind app. as an extra communications tool to receive workday updates. If you're into text reminders, sign up using our class code: <https://www.remind.com/join/yv4c2021>.
- We've added extra workdays this October to better support our prairie seed collecting season and give you more opportunities before our winter conservation work kicks in. We expect to add more workdays in the spring as well. Our hope is that this gives everyone the rewarding start they need to successfully join six (6) YV4C workdays. You are welcome to attend many more!

### 3. Workday Wear and Cancellations

- Outdoor work is weather dependent. If there is heavy rain or unsafe road conditions we'll cancel and reschedule the workday. Cancellation notices will be emailed one-day in advance.
- Please wear appropriate and comfortable clothing that you can do the heavy work of conservation in. That means wear or bring layers, like a light long sleeve shirt over a short sleeve shirt, and wear long pants and closed-toed shoes. Our prairies and woodlands are brushy with brambles that can leave you looking like you've been clawed by a cat if you do not dress accordingly. In addition, bring your own light-work or gardening gloves (we will have some gloves available), sunscreen, a hat, water, and whatever else you require to be safe in the outdoors.

#### 4. Waivers

- Please download, complete, and return our volunteer waiver (available on our [website](#)) to Micah Kloppenburg ([kloppenburg.micah@countyofdane.com](mailto:kloppenburg.micah@countyofdane.com)). Or, print off and deliver your signed waiver to Dane County Parks staff the day-of your first volunteer event. Once we have your signed waiver on file you are cleared to participate in any number of our Dane County Parks volunteer events and there is no need to resubmit additional waivers.

#### 5. Covid-19 Guidelines

- Regardless of your vaccine status, please bring a mask and keep it within reach throughout the day. While masks are not required outdoors, for the safety of our community we ask that you wear a mask when working closely together (within arm's reach). We will be tracking guidance from the CDC and WI DHS and will adjust our workdays to ensure everyone's safety.

#### 6. Transportation

- We encourage everyone to carpool as your Covid-comfort/risk allows. Connect with friends, neighbors, or students at your high school who are also YV4C members to organize transportation.

Happy conservation-ing!

YV4C Leadership Council,

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