



MONTEZUMA Audubon
CENTER

Ways to Support the MAC with Your Time

As the MAC grows in reaching out to communities with programming, increasing patronage, and adding to amenities that establish us as a destination, we have a heightened need for support from volunteers. Call 315.365.3588 or email montezuma@audubon.org for details. Below are just a few areas with short descriptions on how to help:

MAC Ambassador – This is probably one of the most important roles a volunteer can play in helping the Center. We strive to provide visitors and patrons with a positive and enjoyable experience. MAC Ambassadors are welcoming and informative. These volunteers answer phone calls, respond to email requests, and interact with visitors. MAC Ambassadors should have a passion for conserving birds and other wildlife and their habitats in the Montezuma Wetlands Complex and beyond. Training will be provided to help these volunteers become knowledgeable about the National Audubon Society, the Center, and the Montezuma Wetlands Complex.

Critter Caretaker- The Center is home to some Very Important Critters (VICs). Along with showcasing the importance of diversity of wetlands to our visitors, our turtles, frogs, and toads help augment our different programs through the year. The Critter Caretaker takes on the responsibility of feeding and keeping our animal habitats clean and comfortable. Feeding generally occurs on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. In addition, we feed our feathered friends at our feeding station. The refilling frequency varies throughout the seasons.

Land Steward- A land steward can wear many hats. It can consist of being a gardener, trail maintenance crew member, bird or bat nesting box monitor, and/or even a fundraiser. Our goal is to create a fun and engaging group that meets periodically to identify projects that would enhance and improve the Center grounds with the MAC staff and NYSDEC. Join us and get your hands dirty!

Program Assistant- The Center has a large diversity of programs that run over the course of the year with many different audiences. The Program Assistant role requires knowledgeable volunteers related to specific programs. A Program Assistant who might not have specific knowledge to a program can help with set-up, clean-up, registration, and assistance with snowshoes or kayak/canoe equipment. The program supporter will work closely with the Center Director and Environmental Educator.

Office Supporter- Like any organization, our Center has needs for its day to day operations that could include updating our visitor list, researching information for programs, updating our social media pages, researching new audiences to market our programs to, publication design, helping with mailings to donors, etc. This is a great way to get an inside look of how the Center is operated.

Nature Store Clerk- One of our amenities of the Center is providing a unique shopping experience for our visitors. We carry an attractive diversity of goods related to nature including field guides, children's toys, jewelry, apparel, and more. Part of this experience would include becoming familiar with the products sold, and using the nature store register for purchases as well as processing program revenue.

Special Event Volunteer- The Center has numerous special events that utilize volunteers for planning, marketing, and implementing. This role may be ideal for volunteers that are available only during certain times of the year. Special events include the Wildlife Festival (first Saturday in May), summer camps, Happy Owl-ween (mid-October), Muckrace (mid-September), and more!