



Volunteer in Parks

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VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Volunteer Appreciation

Long sleeve shirts are on the way!

Pick up a long sleeve t-shirt from the Harris Center (425 Perry St) the week of January 19!

The t-shirt is a long sleeve Comfort Colors in the color "Ice Blue."



Sign-Up for the New Fiscal Year

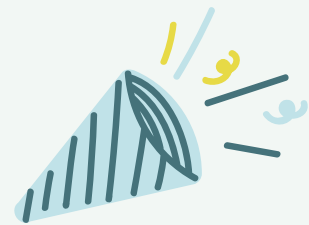
October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

Please scan the QR Code or visit the link below to review the REC VIP Volunteer Manual and register as a volunteer for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. Through registering, you will be on the list to receive the quarterly newsletter and individual opportunities.

auburnal.myrec.com/register

Welcome to Our Newest Volunteers!

- Laura Schmitt
- Sara Ryan
- John Elliot Morrison
- Seok Young Kim
- Rachel Jones
- Emilee Hastings
- Najah Echols



Recruit a Friend

Do you know someone who would make a great volunteer? For every person you recruit to the REC VIP Program you will receive one entry into a drawing for a gift card.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT
Sandra Pelletier

Thank you to Sandra for being a REC VIP Volunteer!

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A
RESIDENT IN AUBURN?**

I have lived in the Auburn/Opelika area since 1988.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING
ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?**

My favorite thing about volunteering is meeting people, helping people, and just contributing to the community. I always get more out of my volunteering than what I do.

**WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE
PLACES TO GO TO IN AUBURN?**

One of my favorite places to go in Auburn is Venditorri's – favorite food is Italian! Also, anywhere with my friends.

**WHERE DO YOU ENJOY
VOLUNTEERING THE MOST?**

Right now the bulk of my volunteering is at Bethany House. I answer phones, greet the public and whatever other administrative duty I can perform. It is my way of saying thank you to Bethany House for taking such good care of my parents as they were dying. I hope to continue to do more volunteering around town .



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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

DECEMBER

Letters to Santa - Harris Center

Contact Gabby Filgo directly to set up a time, M-F, 8am-5pm until December 15
Wear Rec VIP Shirt or something festive!
Volunteers will assist in stuffing envelopes and mailing letters!
Contact: Gabby Filgo
gfilgo@auburnal.gov

Holly Jolly Drop & Shop - Frank Brown Recreation Center

Saturday, December 13 from 8am-1pm or Noon-5pm
Volunteers will assist with set-up, holiday crafts, serving snacks, playing games, and clean-up. Wear RecVIP shirt or dress festive! Contact: Jarrett Jones
jjones@auburnal.gov

Holiday Wrap Up - Harris Center

Saturday, December 14 from 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday, December 15 from 1 – 5 pm
Monday, December 16 - Friday, December 20 from 7:30 am – 5:30 pm
Volunteers will assist with wrapping Christmas presents for the public.
Wear RecVIP shirt or dress festive!
Contact: Maura Toohey
mtoohey@auburnal.gov

JANUARY

Polar Plunge - Samford Pool

Saturday, January 24 7-11am
Volunteers will assist with registration. Dress warm!
Contact: Elizabeth Kaufman
ekaufman@auburnal.gov

FEBRUARY

Daddy Daughter Date Night - Wire Road Soccer Complex

Set-up: Friday, February 6th from 9am-12pm
Night 1: Friday, February 6th from 5:45-10pm
Night 2: Saturday, February 7th from 5:45-11pm

Volunteers will assist with set-up, check-in, serving food, and clean-up. For set-up wear RecVIP shirt. For event wear "casual-dressy" and theme is Mardi Gras.
Contact: Elizabeth Kaufman
ekaufman@auburnal.gov

**Contact Gabby Filgo at
gfilgo@auburnal.gov
to see if additional volunteer
opportunities have been
added!**

Scan to Sign Up!

