Volunteer Opportunity Description: *Lake Tamarack Restoration Volunteer*

**Description/Purpose**

Assist with restoration of wetland, prairie, and woodland ecosystems at Lake Tamarack.

**Responsibilities/Tasks**

- Planting and watering native plants
- Pulling, digging, and cutting invasive plants (garlic mustard, buckthorn, honeysuckles, etc.)
- Assist with survey and research activities

**Required Skills**

The volunteer should be interested in restoration work and native plants. Knowledge of native plants is desired. Some physical endurance is required.

**Time Commitment and Schedule Details**

One or two mornings a week (8:00 – 12:00). Some flexibility on days of the week but Tuesdays and/or Thursdays might work best. The volunteer will report to Dan’s office and transportation to the site will be provided.

**Benefits/Impact**

The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is in the process of restoring 21 acres adjacent to Lake Tamarack in Carver County. This property is located next to the University of Minnesota Horticultural Research Center and runs along one side of this pristine lake which is the deepest lake in Carver County. Our plans are to restore the degraded ecosystems near the lake and to provide public access to the lake. We will build a parking lot and a small boat landing concurrently with the restoration project. The restoration includes 6.2 acres of prairie, 4.9 acres of hardwoods, 1.5 acres of wetland pollinator meadow, and 5.1 acres of wetlands. The volunteer will have the privilege to be involved with restoring this beautiful property to its natural state.

**Work Environment:**

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**How to Apply for this Opportunity**

If you are currently an Arboretum Volunteer and would like to apply for this opportunity, please contact the supervisor and set up an interview.

**Staff Supervisor & Contact Information**
All Arboretum Volunteer opportunities are reserved for registered and active Arboretum Volunteers. All volunteers go through an orientation and screening process prior to applying for opportunities. Learn HOW TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER or call the Volunteer Center at 612-301-1203 to get started.