Volunteer Opportunity Description:  *Prairie & Trail Crew*

**Description/Purpose**
Work alongside landscape gardener Richard Gjertson in the Wildflower Garden, Prairies, Garden for Wildlife, Natural Areas, Arborvitae Collection, and Spring Peeper Wetland. This crew will also help control invasive plants and maintain the Hiking, Ski, and Snowshoe Trails.

**Responsibilities/Tasks**
- General gardening
- Trail repair (spreading out wood chips or gravel)
- Pulling or cutting invasive plants (Buckthorn, Cork Tree, Honeysuckle)

**Required Skills**
No special skills, will work along with gardener and crew. Be able to work standing up doing light manual labor.

**Time Commitment and Schedule Details**
Crew meets April-November
Thursday’s or Saturdays from 8am – 12pm
A few special projects in the winter (sorting & planting collected seeds)

**Benefits/Impact**
- Learn gardening skills from gardeners and other volunteers
- Learn native plants and plant communities
- Recognize the invasive plants in Minnesota
- Improve gardens, trails, and natural areas of the Arboretum

**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 staff supervisor listed below to learn how to get started.

**Staff Supervisor & Contact Information**
**Richard Gjertson**  
Email gjert001@umn.edu  
Cell 612-236-8859  
*Richard’s Summer work hours (Tuesday-Saturday 7:00-3:30)*
To become an Arboretum Volunteer, you first need to attend a New Volunteer Orientation. To get started please call the volunteer office at 952-443-1461 or visit our website at http://www.arboretum.umn.edu and click on the volunteer tab.