

HOURS

Weekdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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 Skokie IL 60076



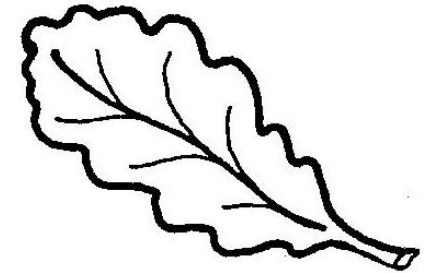
ADVOCATES

The Helping Hands of Emily Oaks



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Share in the Joys of
 Nature...



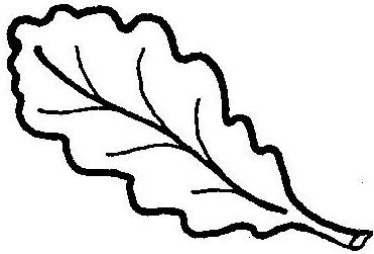
Become an
 Emily Oaks
 Advocate!

The Emily Oaks Advocate Program offers a variety of positions for anyone interested in a rewarding volunteer experience. Our program provides a wonderful opportunity for the urban dweller to get in touch with the natural world and meet new people with similar interests, while contributing to the programs and operations at Emily Oaks Nature Center.



Emily Oaks Nature Center

An oasis in the middle of Skokie, Emily Oaks Nature Center is 13 acres of natural scenery with native grasses, wildflowers, oak trees, woodland paths, and a serene pond. Dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the native Illinois oak woodland, Emily Oaks also promotes a sense of relationship with the natural world through seasonal special events, family programs, preschool and school activities, and adult workshops and recreational trips.



Advocates Are Important!

As an Emily Oaks Advocate, you will be actively involved in helping the staff at the Nature Center fulfill our programming and operational goals. Whether you volunteer with the on-site land restoration tasks, help with preparations and staffing of seasonal special events, or assist a program or class leader, you have the opportunity to provide an essential role in promoting the success of Emily Oaks. It is people giving their time, skills, and experience that make Emily Oaks Nature Center a very special place and an asset to our community.

In return for supporting the programming and operations at Emily Oaks, Advocates receive special incentives as well as the satisfaction of knowing that their time and talents are essential to the success of the Nature Center.

Advocate Opportunities

Advocates are invited to volunteer in one or more of the following ways.

At-Home Projects - Utilize your skills in sewing, woodworking, and other trades by taking home projects that will be used in our children's programs and special events.

Outdoor Workdays - Join in restoring the oak woodland to a healthy and diverse condition. Work includes brush and weed removal, seed collecting, and cattail control. Training and tools provided. Workdays held monthly.

Programming Assistant - Assist staff during weekly children's classes or other scheduled activities, such as family campfires and outings. Training provided.

Special Events - Advocates are needed to fill many essential roles at our seasonal special events that include the *Earth Day Celebration*, *Pancake Breakfast in the Woods*, *Things That Go Bump in the Night*, and *Winter Chilly Fest*.

Weekday Workgroup - Work with other Advocates on a wide variety of tasks from newsletter mailings to the assembly of craft projects and props for our children's programs and seasonal special events. The workgroup meets weekly.

Wildflower Gardens - Help plant, tend, and harvest seeds from the wildflower gardens. Training provided. Workdays are held monthly, spring through fall.

Kawaga Garden - Tend the butterfly garden, shade gardens, and other native plants at this local off-site property on scheduled Tuesday evenings from March through October.

How to Become Involved

Thank you for your interest in the Emily Oaks Advocate Program! To apply as a volunteer, please complete, detach, and then mail this application. The staff of the Nature Center will be in contact with you soon after receiving your completed form.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Phone (daytime): _____

Phone (evening): _____

Email: _____

- Check if under 16 years of age
Advocates under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Please check one or more of the following volunteer tasks in which you are interested in participating.

- At-Home Projects
- Outdoor Workdays
- Programming Assistant
- Special Events
- Weekday Workgroup
- Wildflower Garden Workdays
- Kawaga Garden (4345 Lee St.)

Signature: _____

Date: _____