Dear Potential Volunteer Steward,

Thank you for your interest in the Parks, Recreation and Open Space volunteer steward program. The mission of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department is encouraging active lifestyles and creating healthy environments for people, nature and community.

Volunteer Stewards support this mission in the following ways:

- Staff resource-related event booths at special events
- Perform trail steward duties such as trail monitoring and bike patrol
- Restore native habitats through planting trees, shrubs, and grasses
- Fight noxious weeds
- Monitor resources through bird counts and other resource surveys
- Staff the information desk at the Morrison Nature Center or the AWQUA Lounge
- Share unique talents like art, design, writing, or editing skills through special projects
- Assist with public or school program presentations on Aurora natural history topics

Attached you will find a volunteer steward application. Please complete this application and return it to Parks & Open Space staff in one of the following ways:

Email: ewickard@auroragov.org
Post: Volunteer Steward Program
      Attn: Liz Wickard
      15151 E Alameda Pkwy #4600
      Aurora, CO 80012
In Person: Morrison Nature Center at Star K Ranch, visit auroragov.org/nature for hours

Join us for our annual Volunteer Steward Open House!
Saturday, February 25th, 2017, 10-11 a.m.
Morrison Nature Center at Star K Ranch (16002 E Smith Rd Aurora, CO)

Volunteer Steward training begins the first week of March, submit your application today!

Sincerely,

The Aurora Park Ranger & Naturalist Team

Encouraging active lifestyles and creating healthy environments for people, nature and community
City of Aurora
Parks, Recreation & Open Space
Volunteer Steward Application

ITEMS WITH AN ASTERISK ARE REQUIRED

PERSONAL INFORMATION

* Today’s Date: ___________________

Please print clearly

* Name: ____________________________________________

Last       First       M.I.

* Address: ____________________________________________

Street        City        State        Zip

* Phone: ____________________________________________

Home        Cell        Work

* Email: ____________________________________________  □ N/A

* Due to a minimum age for volunteer positions, please provide your age if you are less than 18 years old

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* Date of Birth ___________________

* Emergency Contact: ____________________________  * Relationship: ____________________________

* Phone (home or cell) ____________________________ (work):

________________________________________________________________________

To help us match you with a volunteer opportunity that best matches your preferences, time commitment, interests and skills, please answer the following questions.

* AVAILABILITY TO VOLUNTEER

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* PREFERRED VOLUNTEER POSITION:

Area of interest:

□ Trail Steward   □ Program Guide   □ Resource Monitoring   □ Events   □ Information Desk   □ Not Sure

Comments:

________________________________________________________________________
*REFERENCES: (Do not list relatives.)
Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________ Relationship: ___________________________
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Tell us about why you want to be a volunteer steward:
______________________________________________________________________________________________

EDUCATION
High School or GED: ___________________________ Diploma earned? □ yes □ no
Name of School
College: ___________________________ Degree earned? □ yes □ no Major
Name of School
Other:

LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL TRAINING
Professional Licenses and/or Certificates Issued by Level
Exp. Date

SPECIAL SKILLS AND ABILITIES
List special skills and/or hobbies that you would like to use as a volunteer:
______________________________________________________________________________________________

LANGUAGE SKILLS (including sign language):
Language ___________________________ □ Speak □ Read □ Write
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EMPLOYMENT:
□ Student □ Employed □ Not employed at this time □ Retired
Employer: ___________________________________ Position: __________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________ Street __________________ City __________ State __________ Zip

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES RELATED TO AREA OF INTEREST:

Organization: __________________________ Responsibilities: ______________________________________________________

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How did you hear about the volunteer program? (check one)

☐ City of Aurora Web Site ☐ Aurora Sentinel
☐ Internet Volunteer Recruitment Site (specify) __________________________ ☐ Denver Post
☐ Other Web Site (specify) __________________________ ☐ Volunteer Fair
☐ Flyers ☐ Aurora 8 TV
☐ City of Aurora Newsletter (specify) __________________________ ☐ Channel 55
☐ Other (specify): __________________________

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

VOLUNTEER STEWARD RECRUITMENT EVENT
Saturday, Feb. 25th, 2017, 10 a.m. at the Morrison Nature Center at Star K Ranch, 16002 E Smith Rd. Aurora, CO 80012

Tentative 2017 TRAINING DATES*
The following Saturdays, from 9 – 11 a.m., Mar 4th, Mar 11th, Mar 25th, April 8th, April 22nd, and May 6th
The following Wednesdays, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Mar 1st, Mar 15th, Mar 29th, April 12th, April 26th, May 10th

*Trainings are held at Morrison Nature Center at Star K Ranch, 16002 E Smith Rd. Aurora, CO 80012. Attendance at all initial training dates is strongly encouraged. Mandatory training Weds. Mar 1st or Sat., Mar 4th (must attend one).

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