

What is CARP?

CARP (Columbia Aquatic Restoration Project) is a volunteer program designed to support the Columbia Parks & Recreation Department in implementing an aquatic plant and shoreline management plan. The goal of this project is to train volunteers to assist in aquatic park management and maintenance in the growing number of park ponds, streams, retention basin, rain gardens and lakes.



Flat Branch Park

CARP volunteers agree to:

- Attend the three CARP classes.
- Assist the city horticulturalist in organized projects, donating at least 18 hours of your time.
- Use standard hand tools and equipment and perform manual labor. You must be able to bend, stoop, dig, reach and lift.
- Work outdoors and in and around water, often in varied weather conditions.
- Work cooperatively with City staff, other volunteers and the general public.

Why Volunteer?

By participating in CARP, you will learn about lake and pond ecology. You will be volunteering to improve water bodies in our parks to be enjoyed for years to come.

Training subjects include:

- Aquatic Plants
- Pond Ecology
- Storm Water Management
- Rain Gardens

In addition to class instruction you receive field training and experience to reinforce what you have learned. After the course you will be invited to participate in projects designed by the city horticulturalist to put your new-gained knowledge into action, which improves water bodies in our city parks.



Stephens Lake Park

*Please note:
CARP projects are scheduled on
Saturday mornings. We ask that you
consider this before registering for this
volunteer program*



Twin Lakes Recreation Area

C.A.R.P.

Columbia Aquatic
Restoration Project



CARP is sponsored by:
City of Columbia's
Parks and Recreation Department
Public Works Stormwater Outreach Program
Volunteer Programs

2011 Class Schedule

Monday, February 28

Monday, March 7

Monday, March 14

6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at

The ARC

1701 W. Ash

To Register:

Return the completed application to the City of Columbia Volunteer Programs.

Class size is limited. Applicants are accepted on a space available basis. We will contact you to confirm your registration.

To learn more about CARP please call the Office of Volunteer Services at 874-7499 or visit the our web page at:

www.GoColumbiaMo.com/Volunteer.

CARP Application:

Please read and sign this agreement. I am interested in becoming a volunteer for the City of Columbia. I understand upon my successful completion of the course, **I commit to perform 18 hours of volunteer service on projects designed and supervised by city staff.** I certify that I am capable of completing the training and physically able to perform the required 18 hours. **I understand the projects are scheduled on Saturday mornings.** I understand that I am not an employee of the City of Columbia and that any duties that I perform are as a volunteer. I agree to abide by the procedures set forth by the City of Columbia for my assigned volunteer duties. **I grant permission for photographs or videos to be taken of me during CARP projects, and I understand that these pictures may be viewed by the public.** I also understand that it is my responsibility to update my contact information so City staff can readily contact me about CARP projects.

Submit this portion to: City of Columbia, Volunteer Programs, P.O. Box 6015, Columbia, MO 65205, FAX: 442-0022, e-mail to volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com

Sign _____ Date _____ Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____