

What is TreeKeepers?

TreeKeepers training sessions are designed to teach proper care and maintenance of trees. In return for this training, TreeKeepers agree to donate at least 36 volunteer service hours to City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department forestry projects.

TreeKeepers volunteers agree to:

- Complete the entire TreeKeepers course.
- Assist the city forester in organized projects, donating at least 36 hours of your time.
- Help maintain the city trail system, parks, and the city tree nursery.
- Plant, prune, weed, water, mulch and maintain trees in community common areas.
- Use standard hand tools and equipment and perform manual labor. You must be able to bend, stoop, dig, reach and lift.
- Work outdoors, often in varied weather conditions.
- Work cooperatively with City staff, other volunteers and the general public.

Why Volunteer?

TreeKeepers is a fun and practical course that provides you with an understanding of trees and tree care. The lessons taught will provide you with a firm foundation to apply to your landscape designs and maintenance!

Training subjects include:

Tree Identification
Pruning
Disease/Insects
Vegetation Management
Planning and Planting
Soil, Water & Air

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 forester to put your new-gained knowledge into action, which improve our trails and parks.

TreeKeepers have made a notable difference within Columbia, a designated Tree City USA.

Please note:

TreeKeeper projects are scheduled on Saturday mornings. We ask that you consider this carefully before you register for this volunteer program.



TreeKeepers Application:

Please read and sign this agreement.

I am interested in becoming a TreeKeepers volunteer for the City of Columbia. I understand upon my successful completion of the course, I **commit to perform 36 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 36 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 video clips to be taken of me during the TK 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 TK projects.

Submit this portion to:

Office of Volunteer Services
P.O. Box 6015, Columbia, MO 65205

E-Mail: volunteer@GoColumbiaMo.com

Sign: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Date: _____

2012 Class Schedule

**Tuesday, February 21 ~
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, February 23 ~
6:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, February 25 ~
9:00 a.m. to noon**

All classes will be held at the ARC~

1701 W. Ash Street

To Register:

Return the completed application to the Office of Volunteer Services

Class size is limited to 35. Applicants are accepted on a space available basis. We will contact you to confirm your registration.

To learn more about TreeKeepers please contact Volunteer Programs at 874-7499 or visit the TreeKeepers web page at: www.GoColumbiaMo.com.

Volunteers who contribute 36 hours as a TreeKeeper will be honored.

TreeKeepers

A volunteer program to help keep Columbia green and growing!



TreeKeepers is sponsored by the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department and the Volunteer Programs

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