

Wehr Nature Center Volunteer Job Descriptions for Fall 2026

MIAD Service Learners

Cider Sunday Event Help

Friends of Wehr need volunteers to help with their Annual Cider Sunday fundraiser. Jobs vary but include event set-up, helping children create crafts, serving desserts, selling raffle tickets, and face painting.

Available hours: 4-hour shifts; can be combined for an 8-hour day.

Jack-o-lantern Carvers

Wehr needs over 300+ Jack-o-lanterns for our nature-themed, family-friendly Halloween Haunts event. We are looking for volunteers to create Jack-o-lantern works of art to line our Enchanted Forest trail. Wehr will provide pumpkins and pumpkin-carving tools. Volunteers can attend the carving day at Wehr on October 14 or can arrange to pick up pumpkins on Oct. 13 to carve and return them by October 15.

Work entails standing or sitting for an extended time. Lifting up to 20 lbs.

Available Hours: flexible based on your availability

Dates/Times Needed: Between October 13-15; Carving Day at Wehr is Oct.14, 9 am-4 pm

Prop/Outdoor Halloween Decorations Design and Production

We are looking for volunteers to help design and create props for our outdoor, nature-themed Halloween Haunts event. You would work with the event coordinator to develop a design for potential outdoor displays for the Enchanted Forest trail. Wehr would provide any needed materials to produce the design. Work must be completed by October 15.

Available Hours: flexible based on project

Work Completion Date: October 15

Special Effects/Lighting Crew for Halloween Haunts Event

Assist Wehr Nature Center staff and volunteers in placing displays out along the Halloween Haunts Enchanted Forest trail. Help with placing lighting for characters/displays out and monitoring during the event. Help create a fog effect for our witch's cauldron. Help to troubleshoot and fix problems with lights/displays. Help secure equipment back to the building after the event.

Work entails walking wood-chipped trails in the dark, up to 5 miles an evening, and lifting and carrying objects up to 30 lbs.

Available Hours: 16.5 hours

Dates/Times Needed: October 15, 16, 17, 4:30-9:45 pm

Pumpkin Patrol

Work with Wehr Nature Center staff and volunteers to place 300+ Jack-o-lanterns along the Halloween Haunts Enchanted Forest trail. Pumpkins are moved from a storage truck and rolled in wheelbarrows out to the ¼ miles trail. Pumpkin patrol members place and light candles throughout the event. Jack-o-Lanterns are returned to storage at the end of each evening to protect them from vandals and wildlife.

Work entails bending and lifting, walking wood-chipped trails in the dark (up to 5 miles per evening), and lifting and carrying objects up to 30 lbs.

Available Hours: 16.5 hours

Dates/Times Needed: October 15,16, 17, 4:30-9:45 pm

Performers to Portray Our Costumed Characters

Wehr is looking for performers to portray our cast of nature-themed, family-friendly characters for our Halloween Haunts event. Each character performs a short (3-5 minute) skit for groups as they are led along the Enchanted Forest trail. Up to 300 visitors participate each evening, divided into 22 groups.

A short audition (which can be virtual if needed) is required. Attending rehearsal on Monday, October 16 is preferred. You can choose to perform one evening or all three depending on your availability. Costumes and scripts are provided.

The work entails standing for an extended period and potentially wearing face paint and masks that cover your face.

Available Hours: 16.5 hours

Dates/Times Needed: October 12, 6-8 pm; October 15, 16, 17, 5-10 pm

Decorating for Halloween Haunts

Help Wehr staff and volunteers decorate the Wehr Nature Center visitor center interior and exterior in preparation for our Halloween Haunts event. Hang crepe paper and balloons, hang outdoor lighting, and prepare outdoor displays.

Work can entail climbing ladders and lifting up to 20 lbs.

Available Hours: 4 hours

Dates/Time Needed: October 11, 11 am-2 pm

Halloween Haunts Clean-up

Help Wehr staff and volunteers remove decorations from the Wehr Nature Center visitor center interior and exterior after our Halloween Haunts event. Pack equipment away for storage.

Work may include climbing ladders and lifting up to 20 lbs. Indoors and outdoors.

Available Hours: 4 hours

Dates/Time Needed: October 18, 11 am-3 pm

Stew Crew

Work outdoors with Wehr Nature Center staff and volunteers to remove invasive plants from our natural areas.

Work entails bending, pulling, and use of tools such as shovels and pruners. Ability to lift 30 lbs. and walk on uneven ground.

Available Hours: 2 hours per session; up to 15 sessions (weather permitting)

Dates/Times: Every Wednesday from September 2 to December 11, 9-11 am

Display and Graphic Design Work

Collaborate with Wehr Nature staff to design and produce graphic design pieces such as event posters, educational materials, and displays.

Available Hours: up to 35 hours based on the project

Work Completion Date: December 11, 2026