

## Volunteer Projects for Kids & Families

### Purpose:

- To give families with young children an opportunity to experience some of the research and stewardship projects that are conducted here.

### Background:

The Sanctuary has always drawn families, but many of our research projects are for adults only. The projects listed here are activities that young volunteers can easily participate in.

### Duties:

- Volunteer schedules vary from weekly, to monthly, to annually.
- Volunteers must be able to visit regularly when their project is in season.
- Track changes over time; from week-to-week, and year-to-year

### Skills and Interest required:

- Enjoyment of being outdoors for extended periods of time
- Regular availability
- Careful data recording
- Some projects require light physical labor
- Enthusiasm for learning about nature!

### Schedule:

- Animal Care (year-round)
- Great Backyard Bird Count (President's Day weekend)
- Project BudBurst (March - May)
- Stewardship Days (March - November)
- Trail Monitors (year-round)
- Vernal Pool Monitoring (February – June)

### Training:

Most projects are conducted independently, so new family groups undergo a training period during which they assist naturalists in the field. Some special events occur under the guidance of staff.

