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Volunteer BREC

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We're Celebrating You!

With over 38,000 volunteer hours donated by you, the least we could do is throw you a party! As a "Thank You", BREC will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Movie Night on November 8th at 6:00 p.m. The event will take place at BREC's Independence Theatre at 3800 Independence Blvd. All registered volunteers and groups are invited to join us! Attendees should RSVP at brec.org/VolunteerRSVP.

In 2013, BREC held a Volunteer Appreciation BRECFast. The event consisted of speakers, volunteer awards and a sit-down breakfast. At that time BREC was hosting over 1,400 registered volunteers who contributed

approximately 22,000 hours of service annually. The estimated value of a volunteer's time in Louisiana was \$19.33 per hour, totaling in \$425,260 solely in BREC's volunteer's time. That's almost half a million dollars per year!

Now, just four years later, the value of a volunteer is up to \$24.14! In 2016, our amazing volunteers rose to be a group of nearly 5,000 donating around 38,000 hours. So you don't have Having over 180 parks and special facilities, BREC could not continue in its success without volunteers. From golf marshals at Webb and gardeners at the Botanical Gardens, to any individual or groups at community events, volunteers are a vital part of BREC's effort to creating a healthier and more vibrant East Baton Rouge Parish. You are the cement that holds together the large structure of BREC, and we cannot express our gratitude enough!

The November 8 event is open to any BREC volunteer and one guest. It will consist of giveaways, movie snacks, an award presentation and the showing of the movie "The Blind Side" (PG-13). While honoring all participants who have volunteered at BREC during the past years, BREC will also make special presentations to thirteen exceptional groups and individuals who have gone above and beyond in their volunteerism efforts to support specific programs and special facilities. The special awards include nominations from:

- Park Beautification
- Athletics
- Conservation
- Extreme Sports
- Dog Parks
- Community Events
- Golf
- Inclusive Recreation
- Tennis
- Baton Rouge Zoo
- Farr Park
- Magnolia Mound
- BREC Foundation
- Youth Athletics

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE and DON'T FORGET TO RSVP at brec.org/VolunteerRSVP!

If you have any photos from volunteer events you would like to share, please send them to Ashlyn.lambert@brec.org! We would love to showcase all of our volunteers!



PARK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

BREC relies on volunteers to maintain our parks and keep them safe for all residents to enjoy. BREC's park beautification projects provide the perfect opportunity to get outside. Come enjoy the outdoors while volunteering with your school, church, corporate, or community service group. We hope to have your students, staff, faculty and community members join us at one of our parks or facilities. Contact BREC's Volunteer Manager at (225) 272-9200 x 446 or volunteer@brec.org to schedule your group volunteer project

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

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HEARTS & HOOVES - Therapeutic Riding Program

Farr Park Equestrian Center

6402 River Road, Baton Rouge 70820

This program provides equine-oriented activities for the purpose of contributing to the cognitive, physical, emotional and social well-being of people with disabilities. The center welcomes adults and children, ages six and older, to participate in sessions throughout the school year every Monday at 4:30 or 6 p.m. Volunteers serve as "side walkers" as they lead the horses through the arena and trails to ensure the safety of participants. Experience with horses is NOT required. The fall semester classes run September 11 - October 16 and October 30 - December 4.

GOLF MARSHALS AND STARTERS

Dumas Memorial Golf Course

13350 Hwy. 19, Baker

Flexible Scheduling Daily

Located in Greenwood Community Park, this course is approximately 15 minutes from downtown Baton Rouge. One of the best places to golf in Baton Rouge, this course is an 18-hole layout measuring 6,596 yards. BREC is seeking volunteer golf marshals and starters to help with this incredible course. Marshals are known as the course rangers and help manage the flow around the golf course. Starters are needed to help control the pace of play on the golf course by directing players to the first tee at appropriate times. Golf volunteers may qualify for reduced playing fees. For more information about volunteering at Dumas Golf Course contact Boyd Kernan at bkernan@brec.org or 225-775-9166.

PARK OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

BREC Administrative Offices

6201 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge, 70806

BREC Park Operations is looking for administrative assistance during daily work hours. Hours are flexible based on your availability. Email volunteer@brec.org to sign up

SUNSHINE SOCIAL

Milton J. Womack Park Ballroom

6201 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge 70806

Friday, November 17 (6-9 p.m.)

Theme: Hunter Hustle

Through a partnership with Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge, BREC is able to offer themed, monthly socials for adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities and their friends and families. There will be disc jockey, snacks, door prizes, socialization and fun. Volunteers are needed to help serve food, socialize with the guests and dance, dance, dance.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Highland Road Community Park (Movie Night for Adults)

14024 Highland Rd, Baton Rouge 70810

Friday, November 3 (6:30 - 10 p.m.)

Movie: Wonder Woman (2017)

Monte Sano Park

2727 Greenwell Street, Baton Rouge 70805

Tuesday, November 21 (6:30 - 9:30 p.m.)

Movie: Free Birds



North Sherwood Forest Community Park

3140 N. Sherwood Forest Drive, Baton Rouge 70814

Tuesday, December 19 (6:30 - 9:30 p.m.)

Movie: Frozen (shown in Spanish)

Join BREC for a family movie night under the stars. Volunteers are needed to help serve popcorn and other concessions. Email volunteer@brec.org to sign up

SILVER SPOKES

Flannery Road Park

801 Flannery Road, Baton Rouge 70815

Friday, November 3 (9:00 - 11:00 a.m.)

North Sherwood Forest Community Park

3140 N. Sherwood Forest Drive, Baton Rouge 70814

Friday, December 1 (9:00 - 11:00 a.m.)

Seniors are offered a chance to maintain their fitness, lift their spirits and enjoy a social experience with others as they ride either special designed cruisers or three-wheeled adult trike bikes in our community parks and trailways. Email volunteer@brec.org to sign up to volunteer.



SWAMP VOLUNTEER DAY - PLANT INVADERS PUSHBACK!

Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center

10503 N. Oaks Hills Pkwy., Baton Rouge 70810
Saturday, November 4 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

A day to get out and give back! Hundreds of invasive plant species grow uncontrolled in Louisiana's natural habitats. Join staff to help improve Bluebonnet Swamp's habitat as they tackle some of the most troublesome plant invaders. At 10 a.m., instruction on which plants to target, how to remove them safely and what to watch out for will be provided. Snacks and bottled water are also provided. Feel free to bring a bag lunch-as well as, bring work gloves and any landscaping tools you may have available as we will have some on a limited basis. To register, email squidry@brec.org

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

Plank Road Park

19550 Plank Road, Zachary 70791
Friday, November 10 (6 - 8 p.m.)

An evening of family fun that can be shared over and over again throughout the holiday. Guests will create a gingerbread masterpiece with lots of graham crackers, icing and candy trims. Volunteers are needed to help with the house making and holiday cheer!



LEGEND OF PAPA NOEL/GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

Perkins Road Community Park

7122 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge 70808
Friday, November 17 (5:30 - 8:30 p.m.)

Guests will enjoy an evening of fun starting with Papa Noel's grand entrance! Listen to him read The Legend of Papa Noel: A Cajun Christmas Story, decorate a gingerbread house and more activities in preparation of the holiday. Volunteers are needed to help with holiday activities.

CITY CHRISTMAS EVENTS

City of Zachary Christmas in the Village

Zachary Historical District
4525 Virginia Street, Zachary 70791
Friday, December 1 (6 - 9 p.m.)

Main Street Pilot Club of Baker

Baker Municipal Building
3325 Groom Road, Baker 70714
Saturday, December 2 (11 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.)

City of Central Christmas in the Square

Central Square
10500 Sullivan Road, Central 70818
Saturday, December 2 (5 - 8 p.m.)

Come kickoff the holidays season and join your city in a family event filled with holiday activities for all ages! BREC will be providing holiday themed activities at each one. Volunteers are needed to help out with family fun activities!

CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER TRAINING

BREC's Conservation Department

6201 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge 70806
Saturday, December 2 (9 a.m. - noon)

BREC's Conservation Department is looking for volunteers to become part of their elite green team! Training to be a member of the elite team will be held December 2. To learn more about the elite team and BREC Conservation, email atakacs@brec.org or view their Facebook page at BREC'S Conservation Department. To register visit brec.org/conservationvolunteer!

CAROLING IN THE PARK

City-Brooks Community Park

1515 Dalrymple Drive, Baton Rouge 70808
Friday, December 8 (5:30 - 8:30 p.m.)

Our biggest volunteer holiday event! Mark your calendars for BREC's annual Caroling in City Park featuring a park lighting ceremony, candlelight caroling, roasting marshmallows and a host of other family activities for all ages to enjoy. Volunteers will help set-up for event as well as during the event!



SANTA ROAD SHOW

Gus Young Park 4200 Gus Young Avenue, Baton Rouge 70802

Saturday, December 16 (noon - 2 p.m.)

Experience the holidays as Santa makes his annual stop at BREC. Volunteers will help holiday games, crafts and other activities!

JINGLE MINGLE

Baker Civic Center

3325 Groom Road, Baker 70714

Thursday, December 21 (3 - 9 p.m.)

Volunteers are needed to help with this holiday event including set-up, serving food, leading activities and more!



HOW TO HELP

For more information about signing up for any of these volunteer opportunities, please email Ashlyn Lambert at volunteer@brec.org, or call (225) 272-9200, ext. 446. Keep updated on BREC volunteer opportunities by signing up to receive volunteer information at BREC.org/volunteer, visit volunteermatch.com and follow Volunteer BREC on Facebook. **Volunteers serving 30 or more hours with BREC in a calendar year may qualify for a \$500 state income tax deduction.**



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