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Volunteer BREC

MARCH
2018

"THE NUMBERS ARE IN!"

2017 was a big year for Volunteer BREC and we have the numbers to prove it. Last year, BREC volunteers served over 36,000 hours. Now, with much admiration and excitement to share, BREC Volunteers served over **44,000 hours**! These hours are represented with a total dollar amount at the end of the year. This dollar amount is reflected by the value of a volunteer in your select state for that calendar year. In 2016, volunteers were valued at \$23.56 per hour. One year later, the value was increased to \$24.14. This amount represents a range of savings for tax payers based on service of volunteers rather than employees.

Volunteer BREC's goal for 2017 was to reach a total of savings of one million dollars. With help from almost 4,000 volunteers representing 23 different BREC departments and facilities, BREC volunteers provided a value of **\$1,002,597!**

Thank you specifically to all of BREC's Golf, Conservation, Zoo, Community Events, Magnolia Mound and Botanical Garden volunteers. Your numbers rose above last year's and the hard work and dedication was not unnoticed! BREC appreciates all the volunteers who served either 1 hour or 300 hours. You each represent a piece of reaching that one-million-dollar goal!

NEW Volunteer Opportunities

Looking to volunteer in the upcoming months? Check out the events below and click the titles for more info. Contact our volunteer coordinator at volunteer@brec.org to sign up for any of the events listed below.

[Leprechaun Game Night](#)

Zachary Community Park

Friday, March 9 (6 - 8 p.m.)

[Community Egg Hunt](#)

Forest Community Park

Saturday, March 10 (10 a.m. - noon)

[Rockin' at the Swamp](#)

Bluebonnet Swamp and Nature Center

Saturday, March 10 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

[Adult Leisure Bunny Hop](#)

Milton J. Womack Park

Tuesday, March 13 (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

[Adult Leisure Bunny Hop](#)

Anna T. Jordan Community Park

Wednesday, March 14 (10 a.m. - noon)

[Leprechaun Game Night](#)

Perkins Road Community Park

Friday, March 16 (6 - 8 p.m.)

[Sunshine Social](#)

Milton J. Womack Park

Friday, March 16 (6 - 9 p.m.)

[Community Egg Hunt - Flashlight Egg Hunt](#)

Plank Road Park

Friday, March 23 (6:30 - 9 p.m.)

[Zippity Zoo Fest](#)

BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo

Saturday, April 7 and Sunday, April 8 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

[Sunshine Social](#)

Milton J. Womack Park

Friday, April 20 (6 - 9 p.m.)

[Movie in the Park: Beauty and the Beast](#)

Antioch Boulevard Park

SPOTLIGHT

April has two huge events, and we need your help! You won't want to miss these.

BioBlitz



Grab your field guides and boots and join BREC naturalists and local scientists as we document the diversity of life, or "biodiversity", at Greenwood Community Park!

Zippity Zoo Fest



Come celebrate 48 WILD years of BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo at the Zoo's annual spring festival and birthday celebration!

GROUP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PARK BEAUTIFICATION

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.

Friday, April 20 (7:30 - 10:30 p.m.)

Bioblitz

Greenwood Community Park

Friday, April 20 (6:30 - 9:30 p.m.) and Saturday, April 21 (2 - 4 p.m.)

Stick Horse Rodeo

Farr Park Equestrian Center

Saturday, April 21 (10 a.m. - noon)

Movie in the Park: The Good Dinosaur

Greenwood Community Park

Friday, April 27 (7:30 - 10:30 p.m.)

CONTINUOUS Volunteer Opportunities

Can't make any of the events above? Need something with a more regular schedule for volunteering? We've got continuous opportunities available too! Contact our volunteer coordinator at volunteer@brec.org to sign up for any of the opportunities listed below.

Hearts & Hooves Therapeutic Riding Program

Farr Park Equestrian Center

Every Monday, March 12 - April 16

Inclusive Recreation - Adult Interactive Days

Kathy Drive Park/Independence Community Park

Wednesday - Friday (10 a.m. - noon)



PARK REPORT CARD

With over 182 parks, BREC's Park Operations departments work day in and day out to keep our parks in tip-top shape while keeping in mind safety, cleanliness and all-around functionality for the community. The NEW Park Report Card program gives volunteers the opportunity to go out and be the judge of BREC parks.

[Click here for more info on Group Volunteer Opportunities](#)

February Beautification Projects



Delta Chi at Scotlandville's Disc Golf Park



LSU Soccer at Airline Highway Park



HOW TO HELP

For more information about signing up for any of these volunteer opportunities, please email the volunteer coordinator 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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