

# Service Learning At Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens

Help preserve the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, while giving back to your community in a meaningful and unique way.

Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens provide a great team-building experience for your school while providing a valuable service to the only national park dedicated to aquatic plants. With advance planning, we have the capacity to host 100+volunteers – so bring your whole grade!

Volunteers get their hands dirty through pond care and restoration, trash cleanups, gardening, invasive species removal, and other restoration projects. Group volunteers also develop an understanding and appreciation of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens through informal learning opportunities with national park rangers.

Staff can document the **total volunteer hours** to meet any service/volunteer requirement for graduation.

## **Scheduling**

Groups are highly encouraged to join one of our planned monthly Saturday volunteer events (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday) listed on our calendar of all FoKAG events.

From March-October, depending on staff availability, school groups can also schedule a volunteer event Monday-Friday.

#### Sample Schedule

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Introduction to project and park

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Conduct service activities; informal time with park rangers 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Closing and thank you, followed by a group lunch or

ranger tour (if desired)

These schedules can easily be adjusted and customized based on your group's needs and size, including formal breaks or adding educational components.

### **Materials/Training**

All tools, gloves, and training are provided.

### Time, Talent, and Treasure

Groups can also add a donation to their volunteer event. As the charitable partner of the park, Friends of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens relies on the philanthropic support of individuals, community groups, and corporate neighbors to provide these volunteer events. Your cash contribution helps support the purchase of tools, supplies, and equipment to ensure all our volunteers have what they need.

#### **Contact Us**

To get started on this adventure, teachers and guidance counselors can contact our Volunteer & Program Coordinator, Shannah Cumberbatch, at shannah@fokag.org.





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