



Ijams
NATURE CENTER

VOLUNTEER
ORIENTATION



Ljams Nature Center is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Ljams' mission is to encourage stewardship of the natural world by providing an urban greenspace for people to learn about and enjoy the outdoors through engaging experiences.

Ljams' vision is that through direct experience with the outdoors all people will appreciate and care for the natural world.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

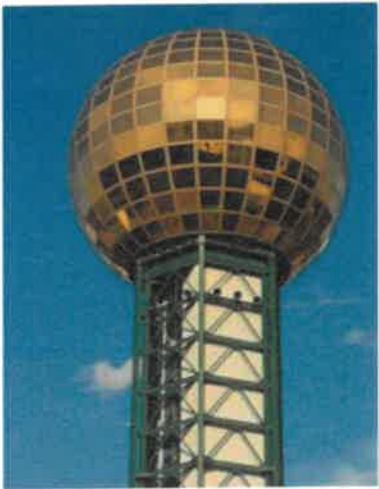


Ijams manages 318+ acres of protected land.

When you volunteer, you help expand Ijams' capacity and have a direct impact on protecting and caring for the natural world.



WHY VOLUNTEER?



Ijams is a part of your community.

When you volunteer, you protect space in the greater Knoxville area for people to learn about and enjoy the outdoors.



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Ijams protects the Tennessee River.

The Tennessee River is one of the most aquatically biodiverse river systems in North America and is home to 230 species of fish and 100 species of mussels.



Before



After



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Ijams Nature Center hosts hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

That doesn't account for the myriad of bird species and other wildlife that have been observed here.



IJAMS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Education

Community Science
Pop-Up Booth

Special Events

Setup/Breakdown
Tickets/Check-in
Audience Coordination
Presenter Support

Behind the Scenes

Animal Care
Bird Feeder
Photography
Office Support

Natural Resource Management

Ijams Weed Warriors
Trail Preservation
Litter Pickup
River Crew
Volunteer Workdays





COMMUNITY SCIENCE



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Participate in the scientific process and address real-world problems. As a community science volunteer, you can help with ongoing scientific research focused on phenology, salamanders, caterpillars, and/or ornithology.





POP-UP BOOTH



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Be on the front line and help visitors by being available, informative, and friendly. Pop-up booth volunteers set up a table in front of the Visitor Center to greet, provide directions, and educate. YOU CAN MAKE IT YOUR OWN!





SPECIAL EVENTS



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Assist with various Ijams events, from circuses to concerts and movie nights and educational events to cleanups. Event support volunteers typically help with setup and breakdown, handle ticket sales and registration, coordinate attendees, and support presenters.





ANIMAL CARE

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Ijams is home to 40+ non-releasable animals who are here due to injury, illness, or human intervention. Since they cannot survive in the wild, they live here and share their stories. Animal care volunteers help feed and care for the Ijams' animal ambassadors.





BIRD FEEDER

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A myriad of bird species have been seen at Ijams. Ijams is a favorite spot for migrating hummingbirds and songbirds as well as year-round residents. Bird feeder volunteers routinely clean and fill bird feeders at the Visitor Center and Ijams Homesite.





PHOTOGRAPHY



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If you love taking pictures of nature, special events, weddings, and more, this is your chance! Volunteers will coordinate with the Volunteer Manager to come and shoot photos to be used (with photo credit, of course!) on the Ijams' social media and promotional materials.





OFFICE SUPPORT



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Occasionally the Ijams' staff needs help with scanning documents, filing, making phone calls, or planning for different events. Office support volunteers help around the office and Visitor Center with various tasks that help Ijams run smoothly.





IJAMS WEED WARRIORS



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Ijams Weed Warriors help remove invasive species on the grounds and at other community sites. Volunteers receive training on identification and removal techniques and can be part of a group or work alone as an Adopt-A-Spot volunteer. This program is made possible by the Aslan Foundation.





TRAIL PRESERVATION



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Volunteering is as easy as walking the Ijams trails! Trail scout volunteers are trained to roam Ijams trails and look for damage or areas that might need attention. These volunteers also help visitors by providing directions or answering questions.





LITTER PICKUP



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Ijams has 318+ acres, including seven parking lots and 12+ miles of trails, that get trashed! Litter pickup volunteers can come seasonally during regular business hours, check in and out at the Visitor Center, get tools, and pick up as much trash as they would like **(check the**

Ijams' website first for availability) !





RIVER CREW

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Ijams is responsible for cleaning up a nine-mile stretch of the Tennessee River. River crew volunteers join the Ijams River Captain, traveling by boat and on foot to remove litter and debris from the river and its tributary creeks. Group river cleanup is available upon request.





VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS



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The Ijams Natural Resource Management team hosts volunteer workdays each Saturday. These workdays focus on the identification and removal of invasive species at Ijams Nature Center and are open to the public.



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Did you know that being in nature has a direct impact on mental health?



Come volunteer at Ijams Nature Center to improve your overall well-being, to give back to your community, and most importantly to **HAVE FUN!!**



NEXT STEPS

- Create an account on the Ijams' GivePulse webpage
- Contact Ijams Volunteer Manager at the below
- Volunteer Manual Review and Signature
- Volunteer Fee (\$15) & T-Shirt
- Placement & Training



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