



Volunteer Description: Weekend Wayfinder

Title: Weekend Wayfinder Volunteer

Location: Se7en Wetlands Park, 500 West Carter Road, Mulberry, FL 33860

Supervisor: Environmental Program Specialist

Number of volunteers needed: 2-5. Must be 18 years or older.

Time commitment: 4 hours every other weekend for 1 year (subject to change)

Background Information:

The City of Lakeland's Se7en Wetlands has been in operation for more than thirty years receiving ALL of the City's treated wastewater for 'final polishing' before it is released downstream to the Alafia River or used at the Tampa Electric Polk Power Plant.

In 2018, Se7en Wetlands was open to the public with the first phases bringing more than 8.5 miles of added hiking trails and connections between Polk County's Loyce Harpe Park to the northwest and Lakeland Highlands Scrub to the northeast. Future phases will bring even more miles of trails.

Weekend Wayfinder Description:

Se7en Wetlands is open 7 days a week from 7am to 7pm. The Weekend Wayfinder volunteer will help monitor the trails and facilities on the weekends by interacting with the public and providing informational assistance as needed. This person(s) will be responsible for emptying trash bins at each picnic pavilion as needed (excludes restrooms). This person(s) will have access to a Se7en Wetlands golf cart for ease of mobility and will be given park supplies as needed.

Desired Qualifications:

- Previous experience as a nature hike guide or trail monitor
- Ability to interact with the general public in a respectful and courteous manner
- Comfortable working alone in an outdoor setting around various wildlife including alligators
- Ability to problem solve and work independently

Benefits:

- Individuals will work closely with a group of dedicated staff and volunteers to make a meaningful impact to Se7en Wetlands and the greater Community
- Access to Se7en Wetlands trails not yet open to the public
- Gain experience with public speaking and personal interactions
- Get exercise and be in nature

Recommended Equipment & Materials (these will not be provided to you):

- Weather-appropriate clothing; hat/sunglasses, sunscreen, water bottles, close-toed shoes, etc.
- Cell phone with fully charged battery in case of emergency
- A small, portable, cooler with a water bottle and food/snacks
- Optional: Camera and binoculars

Individuals filling this position(s) may be subjected to background investigations through state and local law enforcement agencies.

THANK YOU!