

**OVERVIEW:**

The Woldumar Nature Association is a private, nonprofit organization with the mission:

“to educate people about the natural environment.”

Not just a place, but a cause and a community, the organization’s mission efforts such as educational camps, school field study, and community education are made possible by a generous corps of volunteers.

Below are some ongoing volunteer roles and responsibilities. Please contact Executive Director Kevin Wernet at director@woldumar.org if you’d like to get involved!

All volunteers are required to complete a volunteer application: <https://goo.gl/forms/B1BLY30g8yHN2a362>

Bluegrass and Folk Jam Host – Mid-Michigan “Folkgrass” Jam is an event series for local music lovers. It takes place 4-6 times each year from 2-6pm on the third Sunday of the month. Several bands perform for an audience in the main auditorium, while other musicians form informal jam sessions around the nature center. For 13 years, (9 at Woldumar), volunteers Henry and Deb have served as the event hosts but will step down after this spring. They plan to stay involved to support the new volunteer host. With the help of volunteers and staff, the volunteer host will schedule bands, welcome guests, help promote the event, and work with volunteers to ensure the facilities get set up and cleaned up appropriately.

Event Workgroups – Are you interested in festivals and community events? The American Heritage Festival (AHF) and Run-A-Munk (RAM) are important annual events at Woldumar. AHF is a celebration of local history and culture that will take place on Sept 29, 2019. RAM is a 5k/10k trail run that takes place Nov 3, 2019. Event workgroups will meet monthly on a weeknight evening to plan the specifics of each event including activities, demonstrations, entertainment, vendors and sponsors; and help promote the events in the community. No experience necessary, just a willingness to help out! Please indicate which event you’re interested in in your reply.

Grounds, Facilities and Stewardship – Woldumar’s Grounds and Facilities Committee meets once per month on a weeknight evening to plan, review, and perform maintenance, improvements, and stewardship projects on the property. Experience or background knowledge in a pertinent field is helpful, but not required. Volunteers can attend and contribute at committee meetings, or simply assist with projects.

Guest Instructors – Do you consider yourself an expert in a field that would be of interest to our members and guests, or do you have a special talent you’re eager to share? Examples include painting, drawing, crafting, bird/tree/flower identification, fitness, outdoor recreation and much more. If you have the time and interest, we’d love to meet with you. There will be a pre-evaluation of all class topics, and all guest instructors are subject to a full background check. Please contact Program Director Dan Auer at programs@woldumar.org

Gardening Group – Our gardening group meets most Wednesday mornings in the spring and summer to weed, mulch and plant the gardens throughout the campus area.

Event Help – Many hands make light work! Most weekends in the spring and summer we host one or more private events that require decorating, table and chair setup, and cleanup on Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays. These events help fund our educational programming. If you’re interested in working alongside our staff to lend a hand from time to time, we’d appreciate your help!