



Volunteer Opportunity

Stewardship Mentor

As a Stewardship Mentor, you have gained experience in one or more areas of stewardship work and are ready to share your knowledge and experience to assist newer volunteers with these tasks. You will pair with newer volunteers or lead small group tasks at stewardship volunteer events. Your excellent people skills will ensure that new volunteers feel comfortable and supported in their volunteer work, and you will help to ensure volunteer events run smoothly and safely.

Responsibilities

- Assisting with tasks at stewardship volunteer events such as invasive species removal, seed collection, planting and seeding, trail maintenance, gardening, or habitat/species monitoring.
- Mentoring newer volunteers either one-on-one or in small groups (2-5 people), including sharing your knowledge, training them on stewardship tasks, species ID, etc. and answering questions about TTLT or the task at hand.
- Helping to ensure volunteers work safely by checking for and reporting safety hazards, ensuring volunteers are using tools correctly and have good technique for physical work.

Time Commitment

We ask that you attend a minimum of three stewardship volunteer events per year in your role as a Stewardship Mentor. Stewardship work is very seasonal and is usually focused more heavily in the spring and fall months. Stewardship volunteer events are posted at www.thamestalbotlandtrust.ca/events_calendar and we ask that you register for any events you'd like to attend.

Training

Attendance at a TTLT Volunteer Orientation event as well as a Stewardship Orientation event (posted at www.thamestalbotlandtrust.ca/events_calendar) is mandatory to become a Stewardship Mentor.

As well, to be eligible for this position, you must have attended at least six volunteer stewardship events and received training in one or more stewardship tasks.

Skills and Experience

- Comfortable being outside under various conditions for 2-4 hours, often on uneven ground.
- Able to perform physical work involving bending or stooping, lifting upwards of 10lbs, walking 1-5km over uneven ground, and using various hand tools.
- Some combination of technical skills/qualifications such as species ID, chainsaw certification, Ontario Exterminator License, Ecological Land Classification, etc. would be an asset.
- Comfortable with the use of pesticides for restoration purposes (note: pesticides are only applied by Licensed Exterminators in compliance with all Federal and Provincial legislation).
- Excellent people skills including communication and leadership.

- Basic knowledge of Ontario's ecology and species ID, as well as restoration/conservation principles, particularly as it relates to the volunteer task at hand.
- Basic knowledge of Thames Talbot Land Trust including our mission, history, and current projects.
- First aid certification would be a strong asset.

Other Requirements

Most of our nature reserves are remote and not accessible by public transport. Access to your own transportation would be an asset. If you do not have access to transportation, please still get in touch. We may be able to facilitate carpooling or other transportation options.

To Apply

Please fill out the volunteer application form and indicate "Stewardship volunteering" as an area of interest.