

How do I become a volunteer?

If you are interested in giving your time and energy, or would like more information about volunteering, we would like to talk to you.

To become a volunteer, please do one of the following:

- Call Anderson Japanese Gardens at 815-229-9390.
- Mail the reply card and our Volunteer Coordinator will contact you.
- Stop by the garden office.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Best time to call _____

Thank you for your interest. Our Volunteer Coordinator will contact you.



Open May 1st to October 31st

Monday-Friday	10am-5pm
Saturday	10am-4pm
Sunday	12pm-4pm



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Volunteer Program

Anderson Japanese Gardens is considered one of the finest examples of Japanese gardens outside of Japan. From the moment you enter the garden until the time you leave, you will find yourself amongst the beauty of nature. The Japanese culture is represented by the guest house, tea house, stone lanterns and water basins throughout the garden.



Anderson Japanese Gardens is currently looking for volunteers to help the gardens come alive for the visitors. We recognize the importance of volunteers and could not function without their service. This brochure is designed to answer the most common questions about volunteering at Anderson Japanese Gardens.

What do volunteers do?

Volunteers are also referred to as tour guides. Tour guides lead group tours of about 15 people. When not leading a tour, guides assist visitors by answering questions and offering

explanations on aspects of the garden with which visitors are apt to be unfamiliar.



Guide with a school tour

What is required?

Knowledge of horticulture or Japanese culture is not required and we welcome people of all skill and age levels.

This is an authentic Japanese garden with potential hazards including steps, winding paths and bridges. Volunteers must be able to safely navigate the terrain.

Anderson Japanese Gardens is open daily from May 1st to October 31st. Each day consists of two 4 hour shifts (morning and afternoon). We encourage volunteers to commit to one shift a week. However, with busy schedules that is not always possible, but we do require two shifts a month.

Will I receive training?

Volunteers present critical information to garden guests and we are committed to training our volunteers. All volunteers receive a packet of general information about the garden including aspects of horticulture and Japanese culture. Volunteers will also have a tour led by an experienced guide.

What are the benefits?

Some of the many benefits of volunteering include:

Meeting a variety of people from around the world while teaching and learning about cultural and horticultural topics.

The opportunity to meet a dynamic group of volunteers who share similar interests as yourself.

Volunteers are provided with a free family membership to the garden.