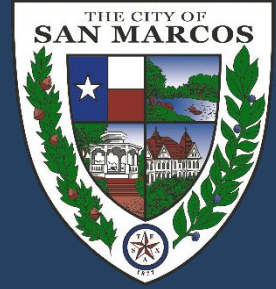


Parks & Recreation Volunteer Newsletter



We hope that you had a wonderful winter break! With the spring quickly approaching, our team is gearing up for a busy season full of exciting events. We appreciate your interest in volunteering with us and hope that you will join us at some of our upcoming events! As San Marcos grows larger every day, we are doing what we can to provide new programs for our community, and that means a larger need for volunteers.



Below you will find a list of current opportunities for the spring and summer seasons. If you are interested in volunteering, simply **click on the link** within the event title and follow the instructions. **Please note that volunteers must be at least 18 years old. Anyone ages 14-17 wishing to volunteer may do so if a parent/guardian volunteers with them.** Should you have any questions or if you would like to be removed from this mailing list, please contact Catherine Marler at cmarler@sanmarcostx.gov.

Special Events

Party in Your Park

[El Camino Real Park](#) – March 6, 2020 [Paul Pena Park](#) – May 15, 2020 [Dunbar Park](#) – August 21, 2020

Party in Your Park is a series of events held four times a year. This series is designed to highlight the many city parks that are located in our San Marcos neighborhoods! Volunteers will help set up for the event, manage and monitor the games, and keep the kids engaged. We will also need assistance with serving snacks and refreshments to our guests.

[Senior Expo](#) – January 30, 2020

Volunteer duties will include welcoming vendors, participants, taking entries for door prizes, getting food and drinks ready to serve, and clean up.

[Golden Sweethearts Ball](#) – February 14, 2019

Volunteer duties will include welcoming participants, serving food, mingling with participants, and clean up.

Dances for Adults with Disabilities

[Prom Dance](#) – April 3, 2020 [Luau Dance](#) – June 12, 2020 [Western Dance](#) – August 28, 2020

Adults ages 18+ gather at the San Marcos Activity Center every other month for a night of friends, music, and dancing. Welcoming participants, selling concessions, mingling with participants, and clean-up will be the duties involved.

[Spring Carnival Prep Week](#) – April 6-8, 2020

There's a lot of work that goes into the Spring Carnival and we could always use some extra hands! We need assistance with sorting decorations, creating signage, and organizing games.

[Farmer Fred's Garden Spring Carnival](#) – April 9, 2020

This annual family favorite is back again, complete with over 30 games, free candy and prizes, bunny pictures, and an egg hunt. There are several opportunities to help out with at this event, including setup/take down, running game booths, prize patrol, bag hand out, bunny pictures, etc.

[Miss Beautiful and You\(th\) Can Do It! Pageant & Rehearsal](#) – April 23 & 24, 2020

The Miss Beautiful Pageant is for female adults with disabilities. The You(th) Can Do It! Pageant is for children with special needs. We need volunteers to assist with the full dress rehearsal on April 23 and with the pageant on April 24. We need volunteers to help with lining participants up, ushering them to and from the dressing room, greeting the public, and with set up/clean up.

[Daddy Daughter Dance](#) – June 19, 2020

Young ladies age 1 year and older, along with their father figures, are invited for an evening of music, dancing, treats, tiaras and keepsakes. This heart-warming event draws over 300 attendees and just keeps growing! We need volunteers to help greet our special guests, serve refreshments, run our photo booth and facilitate our arts and crafts area.

[SummerFest](#) – July 4, 2020

SummerFest is the City of San Marcos' annual 4th of July celebration which consists of live music, vendors, and fireworks! Volunteers are need to help set up, assist with the costume contest and parade, assist with eco stations, assist with parking lot duty, and with clean up.

[Boys and Their Toys](#) – July 10, 2020

Boys and Their Toys is an exciting evening for fathers or father-figures and their sons. Volunteers will assist with event set up, check-in, overseeing activities, snacks, and clean up.

Ongoing Opportunities

Homeschool Enrichment and PE Instructors

We are searching for Texas State students that would be interested in gaining first-hand experience working with elementary, middle school and high school age kids once or twice a month. We have space available to help with PE on Fridays. If you are interested, please contact Catherine Marler at cmarler@sanmarcostx.gov.

50+ Program Volunteers

Recreation Program Specialist, Nick Riali, is looking for a dedicated individual or organization to assist with weekly senior programs. Programs include Game Day, Pickleball, Luncheons, and the SMASH Social Club. This commitment would include 5-10 hours per week of **volunteer** work. This is a great opportunity to gain work experience and learn more about creating, marketing and running programs. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Nick Riali at nriali@sanmarcostx.gov.

Hot Spot Clean Ups

Keep San Marcos Beautiful and the Habitat Conservation Plan partner the first Saturday of the month at 9 AM to clean up areas that affect the San Marcos River. Locations will be determined on the litter pick up need. If you would like to be notified of the Hot Spot Clean Up, please email: akirwin@sanmarcostx.gov

[Friends of Trees \(F.O.T.\)](#)

Our trees do more than just look beautiful. Trees clean our air, prevent erosion, absorb runoff, provide shade, save energy, and create healthier communities. Give 2-3 hours of service to provide some *tree loving care* (TLC) to help keep our public trees healthy and strong. Some tools will be provided. Please reserve your spot by registering [here](#) or emailing Kelly Eby at keby@sanmarcostx.gov.

For additional opportunities volunteering with our special events and senior programs, please contact Jennifer Mach at jmach@sanmarcostx.gov or at 512.393.8413

For additional opportunities volunteering with our youth events and programs, please contact Catherine Marler at cmarler@sanmarcostx.gov or 512.393.8249

