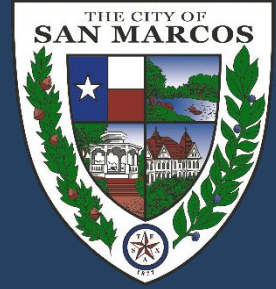


# Parks & Recreation Volunteer Newsletter



We hope that everyone had a great summer! With the fall 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 fall and winter 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](mailto:cmarler@sanmarcostx.gov).

## Special Events

### Dances for Adults with Disabilities

[Western Dance](#) – August 31, 2018

[Halloween Dance](#) – October 19, 2018

[Holiday Dance](#) – December 14, 2018

[Sweetheart's Dance](#) – February 15, 2019

Dances for Adults with Disabilities are held six times a year. Each dance is themed. Volunteer duties will include welcoming participants, selling concessions, mingling with participants, and clean up.

### [Mother Daughter Tea](#) – September 29, 2018

We are hosting our first ever Mother Daughter Tea this September! Volunteers will assist with set up, check-in, serving refreshments, activities and clean up.

### [Fall River Cleanup](#) – October 6, 2018

Join us as we work to clean our beautiful San Marcos River. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM at the Rec Hall followed by the cleanup at 9:00. Please contact Amy Kirwin at [akirwin@sanmarcostx.gov](mailto:akirwin@sanmarcostx.gov) if you are interested in participating.

### **Fall Carnival Prep Week – October 22-25, 2018**

There is a lot of work that goes into the Fall Carnival and we could always use some extra hands! We need assistance with sorting decorations, creating signage, and organizing games. There are plenty of time/date options available to fit your schedule. You can also sign up to help on the day of the carnival and see all your hard work put to good use! See the next opportunity listing for information about the carnival.

### **Farmer Fred's Harvest Fall Carnival – October 26, 2018**

There are several opportunities to help at the fall carnival, including setup/take down, running game booths, prize patrol, bag hand out, costume contest, and more. For this particular event you can choose the area in which you would like to work, but it is first come, first served.

### **Thanksgiving Luncheon – November 15, 2018**

Join us as we provide a Thanksgiving themed luncheon for the senior citizens of our community. Volunteer duties will include welcoming participants, serving food, mingling with participants, and clean up.

### **Veterans Day Parade – November 10, 2018**

Help us honor all who have served! The City of San Marcos annually hosts the Veterans Day Parade and Breakfast for the community. Help decorate the courthouse lawn, set up for the parade, and serve breakfast.

### **Party in Your Park**

#### **Veterans Park – November 16, 2018**      **Swift Memorial Park – February 22, 2019**

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.

### **Sights & Sounds of Christmas Festival – November 28-December 1 and December 5-8**

Get into the holiday spirit at the Sights & Sounds of Christmas Festival! Volunteers can choose between a variety of opportunities, including serving hot chocolate, making cotton candy, greeting guests, managing event trivia, and more. There are also opportunities to volunteer at the Jingle Bell Run 5K on the morning of Saturday, December 8.

### **Holiday Movie in Your Park – December 4, 2018**

We are showing a free holiday movie in San Marcos Plaza Park this December! Volunteers will help greet guests, serve cookies and hot cocoa, maintain the event area and assist with the photo booth.

### **Golden Sweethearts Ball – February 8, 2019**

The Golden Sweethearts Ball is an evening dinner and dance for the senior citizens in our community. Volunteer duties will include welcoming participants, serving food, mingling with participants, 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 teaching elementary, middle school and high school age kids once or twice a month. We are able to send a subject for you to create a lesson plan, or you could teach what you are passionate about. We have space available to teach a core subject or enrichment activity on Wednesdays and physical activity on Fridays. If you are interested, please contact Catherine Marler at [cmarler@sanmarcostx.gov](mailto:cmarler@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](mailto:akirwin@sanmarcostx.gov).

## Restoring Our Own Trees through Service (R.O.O.T.S.)

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 emailing Kelly Eby at [keby@sanmarcostx.gov](mailto:keby@sanmarcostx.gov).

- September 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30 AM - San Marcos City Park, 170 Charles Austin Dr
- October 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30 AM - Skate Park, 627 E Hopkins Street
- November 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30 AM - Willow Springs Park, 325 Ellis Street
- December 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30 AM - Franklin Square Park, 1902 Bishop
- January 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30 AM - Conway Park, 504 Bliss Street
- February 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30 AM - Veramendi Plaza, 206 N CM Allen

**For additional opportunities volunteering with our special events and senior programs, please contact Jennifer Mach at [jmach@sanmarcostx.gov](mailto: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](mailto:cmarler@sanmarcostx.gov) or 512.393.8249**

