

VOLUNTEER



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Happy Fall Volunteer Phoenix Community:

We would like to share a few volunteer opportunities that need your help and some that have already seen success. Phoenix Fire Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) continues to have success as they distribute cooling center maps, water, sunscreen and visors to those in need of support. The City of Phoenix is proud to announce a partnership with Maricopa County Community Colleges, providing service to the community and learning opportunities to the students. We would also like to announce that the Citizen Forester Program has launched its pilot and had wonderful success at Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area.

Thank you for making a difference in our community – and remember to spread the word.



Household Hazardous Waste & Maricopa Community Colleges Service Learning

Maricopa Community Colleges student volunteers support the City's Public Works Department at Household Hazardous Waste collection events. Volunteers greet residents, take surveys and educate the public on the proper disposal of household products. For more information contact Sarah Ruiz at sarah.ruiz@phoenix.gov or sign up at [Volunteer Phoenix](#).



Household Hazardous Waste & Maricopa
County Community College's Service Learning
Event

Phoenix Fire CERT – Volunteer Highlights and Opportunities

Ongoing efforts made by Phoenix CERT Volunteers and AmeriCorps VISTA members make the We're Cool Initiative possible. The combined efforts of the CERT volunteers and AmeriCorps VISTA members resulted in the distribution of over 1,598 bottles of water and over 200 hours of volunteering. These volunteer groups work together to distribute cooling center maps, water, sunscreen and visors to those in need of support. These numbers represent community members who have received services and have been positively impacted by City of Phoenix volunteer efforts.

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Youth and Education – Tutors Needed

Read on Phoenix/AARP Experience Corps Phoenix - The City of Phoenix, in partnership with the AARP Foundation is recruiting volunteers 50 years and above to support a tutoring program designed to improve reading fluency skills for Phoenix elementary school students. Volunteer Literacy Tutors meet weekly with their assigned students within nine partnering Phoenix school districts. If you enjoy working and inspiring our youth - this opportunity is for you!



For more information, please contact Yvonne Pastor at (602) 256-4388 or yvonne.pastor@phoenix.gov or visit our website at: <https://www.phoenix.gov/education/experience>

VITA – Volunteers Needed

Want to be a part of volunteer team making a difference? Become a VITA volunteer and give back to your community in an innovative way, while becoming a certified tax preparer. VITA, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, a FREE tax preparation service that helps low and moderate income individuals and families to file their taxes. Through our VITA volunteer training, available both online or in a classroom, you will gain the confidence and knowledge to not only complete your own taxes but to also assist others with theirs!



To learn more about becoming a part of our exciting and innovative team contact Sanida Starr at Sanida.Starr@phoenix.gov or call 602.262.4948 or visit Phoenix.gov/volunteer and search VITA.

Citizen Forester @ Rio Salado Habitat Restoration – Highlight



Michelle Litwin, Volunteer Phoenix facilitator, and Elizabeth Planas, ResilientPHX VISTA, teamed up with Richard Atkins, Parks and Recreation Department's forestry supervisor, to revitalize the Citizen Forester Program. The program allows for community members interested in tree plantings to become trained volunteers. As a Certified Citizen Forester, you can assist neighborhoods and communities throughout Phoenix with tree planting

and basic maintenance activities. Although a general background in horticulture and/or forestry is helpful, the City will provide a workshop to learn about the benefits and value of a healthy urban forest, proper species selection, basic tree biology, tree installation and initial care, and pruning best practices. Each workshop includes classroom discussion and a hands-on planting demonstration.



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