Volunteer Opportunities

Garden Guides: Trained in the history, horticulture and ecology of Airlie Gardens. Garden Guides offer tours to pre-scheduled walking groups.

Grounds: Gather every Wednesday & Thursday morning at 9am. Grounds perform several different gardening tasks, such as: weeding, mulching, planting and pruning.

Tram Drivers: Drive our accessibility trams which are available to guests who wish to be transported through the garden. Typically 2-hour long, pre-scheduled shifts. Training & background/driving record checks are required (must be at least 25 years of age).

Event Volunteers: Assist with our signature events (including Enchanted Airlie and our Summer Concert Series), as well as, other events & busy weekends that occur throughout the year. Perform a variety of tasks, such as: ticket checking, greeting, guiding & parking.

Gift Shop: Responsible for merchandise, membership, admission sales and oriented guests to Airlie. Assist with stocking shop shelves and assorted clerical tasks on occasion.

Garden Ambassadors: Stationed at a location within the garden educating guests about different topics related to the Airlie experience. Topics may include: butterflies & pollinators, history & horticulture and identifying plants. May also assist with outreach.

Environmental Programs: Assist with habitat interpretation on Airlie’s Butterfly House (May-September), as well as, maintenance and various educational aspects of Airlie’s events & programs. For those experienced in education, there are opportunities to work with curriculum-specific student field trips once you are established (background check required when working with children).

Get Started...

1. Visit our website airliegardens.org
2. Click on SUPPORT header & choose “Volunteer”
3. Complete our online Volunteer Application

Benefits:

Volunteering is a great way to better yourself & your community while meeting new people, learning new things & sharing your gifts with others. Volunteers enjoy the beauty of nature while playing an important role in protecting, preserving & educating others about New Hanover County’s historic treasure.

In addition to the natural benefits of being a volunteer, some of the ways Airlie shows its appreciation to volunteers include:

- A Family membership to Airlie Gardens with over 100 hours of logged time.
- Invitation to annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet
- Invitations to occasional off-site excursions & on-site trainings
- Volunteer T-Shirt

I’d rather be at Airlie Gardens!