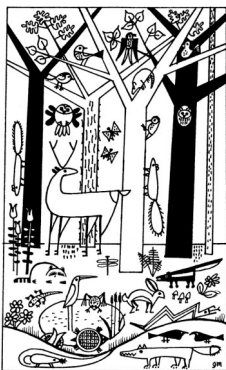




Celebrate History 2024

Friends of Thorn Creek Woods 55 Year Anniversary



Formed in 1969 Friends of Thorn Creek Woods is the citizens' activist group responsible for preserving the over 1000 acre Thorn Creek Nature Preserve.

Thousands of visitors experience wilderness in Thorn Creek Woods – the centerpiece in a network of open space in the south suburbs.

Young and old, groups and individuals, schools and families – they walk the trails, enjoy nature programs and explore the Nature Center.

Friends of Thorn Creek Woods makes all this possible

Come sit in on Friends Board meetings

We meet every fourth Monday at 10 a.m.

where we work with our naturalist on all things Thorn Creek. Call the Nature Center for info and come join us!



Friends of Thorn Creek Woods is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization.

For information call Nature Center 708-747-6320

Friends of Thorn Creek Woods
P.O. Box 32, Richton Park, IL 60471

Thorn Creek Nature Center

Thorn Creek Woods

Thriving on Volunteer Power

Volunteers
are the heart and hands of
Thorn Creek Nature Preserve and Nature Center

Help preserve these
1000 acres of precious
woods and educate adults
and children about their
immeasurable value.

Come join our group
of dedicated
volunteers.

You will be welcomed
with open arms!



So What Can You Do To Help?

Learn more about how to be part of our team of volunteers
Contact our Naturalist April Richards to see how you can help.

THORN CREEK NATURE CENTER

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tcwoods.org for Volunteer Application Form

VOLUNTEER

Trail Watchers

- Our eyes & ears on the trails.
- Use the blue Trail Watchers forms or call/email the Nature Center with concerns.



Trail Workers

(individuals, scouts, groups)

- Monitor trails
- Trail, water bar and boardwalk maintenance

Other Volunteers



- Assist at programs and hikes, or co-lead a program.
- Help prepare mailings and clerical work.
- Cover Open Hours.
- Help maintain Prairie Sampler and Butterfly Garden.
- Bring refreshments or baked goods to be served at programs.
- Help with Nature Center cleaning and maintenance.
- Serve on Friends Board of Directors.
- Deliver our brochures & publicity to libraries, villages, centers, etc.
- Take our materials to clubs, schools, meetings.
- Direct parking for programs.
- Prepare materials and set up for programs.
- Check in attendees, manage refreshments at programs.
- Staff a Nature Center information table at an off-site event.



Open Hours

*Four hours each month can make
all the difference.*

Our Nature Center is open to the public
Fridays, 12-4 p.m.

But **ONLY** with **YOUR** assistance.

Open Hours volunteers greet visitors
& answer phones, plus they use
their unique talents to do office or
housekeeping tasks or set up displays —
all to assist our Naturalists and
keep the Nature Center open.

We'll train you!

Do you enjoy photography?

Help us take pictures to tell our stories



Dan Moore

We use digital
photographs of programs,
volunteers, plants, animals and the woods
in so many ways:

- in our newsletter
- on our website tcwoods.org
- on flyers & in brochures
- in displays & slide shows

*What are you seeing or hearing
at Thorn Creek Woods?*

*Do you have an essay, article, poem
that you would like to share with Friends?*



Join our "stable of writers" for **Thorn Creek News**

– Kendra Reinshagen, Steve Aultz, Dave Mauger plus reprints of "best of" articles by Lily Bormet, Jim Marzuki, Jon Mendelson, Ed Danis and others.

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