



Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie

Volunteer Job Description

Title: Cemetery Restoration Volunteer

Purpose: To preserve local culture and history by restoring, maintaining and surveying Midewin's Pioneer Cemeteries.

Duties and Responsibilities: Duties include straightening, cleaning and relocating marker stones; removal of invasive and exotic flora impeding access to sites.

Department and Location: Under the direction of Midewin's Prairie Archaeologist or Heritage Association members, volunteers work on a variety of cemetery sites at Midewin. Specific worksites at Midewin vary pending on weather conditions and cemetery project priorities.

Qualifications: Individuals must have a respect for cultural significance and an interest for learning about Midewin's history.

Time Commitment: Five hours per workday

Training: All volunteers are required to receive an orientation and safety briefing prior to Cemetery Restoration workdays. Hand tools and safety equipment provided.

Benefits: You will learn about the local history of Midewin and will be contributing to Midewin's cultural and historical legacy. You will meet other like-minded individuals who also volunteer with the program. Volunteers receive ongoing recognition from their supervisor and staff, and are invited to an annual volunteer recognition banquet in November.

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