Volunteer Job Description

Volunteer Job Title: Prairie Restoration Volunteer

Location: Galveston Island State Park

Supervisor: Brenna Ceron – Resource Ranger

Purpose:

To restore critically endangered coastal prairies by cultivating and planting native plants in disturbed areas of the park and help wild populations.

Major Duties:

Seeding – planting native seeds in the Greenhouse

Potting – separating and planting seedlings in larger trays and pots

Weeding – removing weeds and invasive species from the pots of plants that have been placed outside on raised beds and inside the Greenhouse

Planting – Planting potted plants in prepared prairie units

Requirements:

Choose any or all the tasks of the opportunity

Physically capable of performing the tasks associated with the chosen tasks which may include but not limited to walking, sitting, standing, squatting, kneeling, bending, and lifting up to 30 lb

Willing to work outdoors in the heat and humidity with the presence of biting and stinging insects and potentially venomous snakes

Must be able to work cooperatively – this is a team effort

Some practical knowledge or experience in gardening, nursery work, or botany preferred

Time Commitment:

Minimum 2 hours per week. Preferred workdays on Monday and/or Thursday mornings, but negotiable.

Benefits:

Volunteers will be trained in plant identification basics, nursery operations, and planting

Opportunity to work outside with a great team of people and contribute to the restoration of endangered coastal prairie and improve Galveston Island State Park

Learn to identify and appreciate native plant species at all stages of growth from seed to bloom

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