

# TRAIL STEWARD



## 2022 VOLUNTEER INFORMATION PACKET

Support Jeffco Open Space by monitoring unauthorized trails in JCOS parks

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 11, 2022**



**JEFFERSON**  
COUNTY COLORADO  
Open Space

## JEFFERSON COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRAILS TEAM

*The purpose of a Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) volunteer is to assist in preserving open space and parkland, protecting park and natural resources, and providing visitors with healthy, nature-based experiences.*

### PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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### SUMMARY OF POSITION

Support the Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) Trails Team by monitoring existing, developing, and restored unauthorized trails in our parks. Work with the Program Coordinators to develop and implement a monitoring schedule for unauthorized trails. Monitor ongoing visitation on unauthorized trails and report back with photos, visitor counts, and vandalism reports. Educate visitors on trail courtesy and JCOS rules and regulations.

### DUTIES

- Represent JCOS by being a visible and approachable presence in assigned area
- Assist others in event of emergency
- Support JCOS Trails Team by monitoring and reporting unauthorized activity and on-site conditions of unauthorized trails
- Inform visitors regarding unauthorized trail closures and restoration goals
- May help lead other volunteers in small group unauthorized trail closure/restoration projects

## **REQUIREMENTS**

- Available to work on a regular basis independently and unsupervised in a remote setting
- Physical ability to work outdoors, in various weather conditions and terrains
- Successfully complete JCOS Volunteer Orientation and Trail Steward Training
- Purchase and wear a JCOS Volunteer Trail Steward lanyard/shirt while on duty
- Know, understand, and speak with visitors regarding Park Regulations
- Provide own appropriate outdoor clothing and gear
- Maintain contact and rapport with program coordinator
- Volunteers must know and obey all JCOS Park Regulations and established volunteer policies and procedures outlined in the JCOS Volunteer Handbook
- Complete a minimum of eight volunteer hours per year

## **TRAINING**

- Required on-site training will include modules on the following topics: the importance of monitoring unauthorized trails, how to perform Trail Steward duties, reporting procedure, and visitor contact (2 hours)
- JCOS Volunteer Orientation for all new volunteers (2 hours)
- Continuing education and training opportunities will be provided as they become available
- Ongoing mentoring with Program Coordinator(s)

## **BENEFITS**

- Enjoy the outdoors while representing JCOS
- Meet other volunteers with shared interests and experiences
- Share experiences and perspectives with JCOS staff
- Develop a greater understanding of the role and mission of JCOS
- Deepen your stewardship of the parks and trails you love
- Protect the lands you care about
- Learn about the natural and cultural resources of Jefferson County

## NEXT STEPS

**1. Create an Account and Submit an Application by March 11, 2022**

Applications are available online at: <https://offeror.jeffco.us/>

**2. Attend an Interview**

All prospective volunteers will be interviewed. Once you submit your application, you will be contacted to arrange for your interview.

**3. Attend a New Volunteer Orientation**

All new volunteers are required to attend a JCOS New Volunteer Orientation to become familiar with the entire JCOS system prior to specific program training. Orientation sessions are held at the JCOS headquarters, 700 Jefferson County Parkway, Suite 100, Golden, Colorado, 80401.

You must pre-register for orientation on Offero <https://offeror.jeffco.us/>.

You need attend only one of the following:

**Thursday, March 24, 5:30—7:00 P.M.**

**Saturday, March 26, 8:30—10:00 A.M.**

**Thursday, March 31, 5:30—7:00 P.M.**

**4. Attend New Trail Steward Training**

Trail Steward training will occur on-site at a JCOS park. Dates and details to be announced.

**5. Schedule a site visit and start volunteering!**