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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISCORPS **Volunteer Spotlight - Cindy Pinorsky**

We would like to show our appreciation and spotlight one of our valued front desk workers, Cindy Pinorsky. Cindy has been employed with WisCorps through the WISE program, facilitated by Workforce Connections since March 2018. The WISE program is a Wisconsin Senior Employment program with the purpose of providing training and part-time work experience in community service organizations. Cindy's nonstop dedication to WisCorps has been an inspiration to all of us. Cindy is the type of person to go above and beyond her regular duties to make sure that the Myrick Park Center is ready to accommodate all of WisCorps' programs, as well as any visitors stopping by. Many times, Cindy would help "prep" the building prior to an event such as Enchanted Forest or Earth Fair by lending a hand wherever needed and taking the initiative to do some extra cleaning in the nooks and crannies that sometimes get missed during routine cleaning. Plus she always has a smile on her face to greet people as they come in!

Cindy said, "I truly enjoy talking to the visitors that come in and learning about their different experiences. And also working with the [WisCorps] staff".

Her humble demeanor and friendly approach make Cindy a delight to work with! Before WisCorps, Cindy had retired and spent her time gardening, taking care of her new puppy and watching the birds outside. She decided to join WisCorps after learning about what we do and has since become an important piece to the puzzle. We appreciate all of our front desk staff at WisCorps and we hope that everyone is staying healthy and safe!



Due to COVID-19, much of our volunteer program is temporarily suspended. We look forward to having volunteers back in the future when it is again safe to do so. You may contact us with interest in volunteering at the below links and we will reach out when opportunities are once again available.

[Click here](#) to express interest in volunteering with WisCorps.

[Click here](#) to request a volunteer project for a group with WisCorps.

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We are looking for passionate people who want to serve our environment and communities. Are you interested or do you know anyone who might want to join our crew?

Visit wiscorps.org/jobs or email andrea.frisch@wiscorps.org for more information about WisCorps 2021 Field Season positions. In the coming editions of DIRT, we will highlight different positions and crew information. Stay tuned!



Myrick Park Center Update

Did you know? We are on Facebook and Instagram! Many of you may already follow WisCorps on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#), but to get a glimpse of the happenings around WisCorps HQ, follow Myrick Park Center on social media! By following, you'll get a peek into our programming, events, and fun nature tidbits from our Environmental Education team!

Follow our Facebook page [@MyrickParkCenter](#)
Follow our Instagram at [@Myrickparkcenter3290](#)

Environmental Education Update

Nature Saturdays at WisCorps is coming back soon! Email steph.hanna@wiscorps.org for more information or join the [Environmental Education Facebook group](#). The EE team is working on pandemic protocols to start our program again on the first Saturday of the month. Check the website at www.wiscorps.org for more information and how to sign up. Spots will be limited. Hope to see you on Saturday February 6th from 9:30 – 11:00 am.

Nature School Day Camps have started again and will continue until the end of the school year. 10 campers enjoyed Winter Wonders last week which provided a wonderful opportunity to get outside of the house. These Day Camps are designed for 4-6 year olds, focusing on early childhood topics like learning about the basics of science, and practicing early skills like counting, colors, art, the alphabet and other topics related to S.T.R.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art and Math). Spots are limited so sign up soon!

Want to share the joy of being outdoors with your “critter kid?” Critter Kids Nature Playgroup will continue in winter and spring. This program is for children ages 2 – 5 with an adult. Each week a different nature theme is explored. WisCorps nature teachers lead activities for adult and child to enjoy together. Spots are limited so sign up soon!

Day Camps

Critter Kids



Thank you

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Thank you for supporting WisCorps and responding to our appeal which we sent last month. Because of your generosity, this year's appeal is showing a 73% increase over the amount that we raised last year. Your gifts enable our conservation crews to conduct significant projects that restore our natural environment and enable us to develop future stewards of our environment through our education programs. Your gift means so much to us, especially during these tough times.

If you haven't already done so, please consider making a gift to WisCorps. You can return the response slip on the appeal letter with a check, or you can make a gift via credit card by visiting our website, wiscorps.org, and click on the Donate tab.

We hope that you and your loved ones are staying healthy and safe and we hope that 2021 is less chaotic for all of us.



-Photo by Andrea Frisch

"Indeed the beauty of nature is often the wisest balm for it gently relieves and releases the caged mind." -

John Donohue

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