

Volunteer Opportunities

You can make a difference! Get involved in your community and share your talents with others! Join us at the Edinburg Scenic Wetlands and World Birding Center and become a volunteer today!

We need people like you—people who are willing to help wildlife, educate the community and help care for the natural world. Volunteers are an essential part of the operations of the Center. Your efforts support the staff, wildlife, the community, and help us carry out the Edinburg World Birding Center's Mission. We have many opportunities designed to get you involved!

Our Mission

The Edinburg Scenic Wetlands & World Birding Center educates children and families about our native wildlife, habitat and resources through hands-on activities and engaging programs. We provide beautiful, scenic and serene spaces to enjoy and observe nature and wildlife. We continue to preserve, conserve and enhance our native habitat for wildlife and our community.

How to Apply

Fill out and send us the enclosed application. After you are contacted by a staff person, they will set up an interview with you, provide you with a waiver or an application form, and set duties and hours. If you will be volunteering for less than 30 hours in a one month period of any given year, you will only need to sign a waiver of liability. If you would like to be a long term volunteer (more than 30 hours) then you will need to send in a City of Edinburg Volunteer Application and go through a background screening process. Please contact staff at least 2 weeks prior to your desired start date. For questions, please call us at (956) 381-9922.

Getting Here

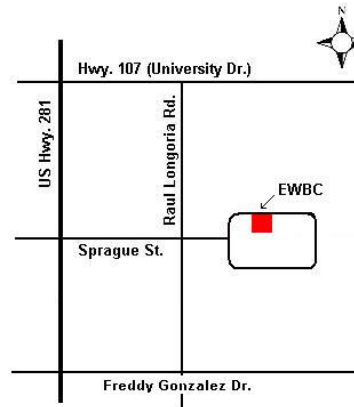
We are located on the northwest corner of the Edinburg Municipal Park.

From the North:

Take Expressway 281 South. Exit and turn left on University Dr (107) in Edinburg. At first light, turn right on Raul Longoria Rd. At next light, turn left on Sprague St. Parking area is the first lot on the left side, just after the canal.

From the South:

Take Expressway 281 North into Edinburg. Exit at Freddy Gonzalez/Sprague. Stay on the access road, turning right at Sprague (2nd light). At intersection, drive straight into the Edinburg Municipal Park. Parking area is the first lot on the left side, just after the canal.



HOURS

OFFICE & INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Monday - Friday: 8 am to 5 pm
Saturdays: 10 am to 4 pm Fall/Spring
8 am to 6 pm Winter

MAIN GROUNDS

Monday - Thursday: 8 am to 6 pm Fall/Spring
Friday: 8 am to 8 pm Fall/Spring
Saturday: 8 am to 6 pm Fall/Spring
Monday - Saturday: 7 am to 6 pm Winter



*Help someone discover
the world outside!*

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www.EdinburgWBC.org

Volunteer Opportunities:

Education

- Assist with creating and preparing materials for upcoming programs.
- Help with school field trips and programs.
- Participate in special events like *RGV Coastal Expo* and *Migration Celebration*.
- Assist with outreach programs in schools and around the RGV.
- Provide care and help us maintain our live animal exhibits and outdoor feeders.



Administrative / Visitor Services

- Greet Customers and provide information for our guests.
- Assist with answering phones, mailings, copying and computer entry.

Art & Communication

- Create graphics for newsletters, education publications & printed material
- Assist with special projects, such as mural paintings, paper sculptures, and event staging and design.
- Take photos for use in publications and educational materials.
- Develop eye catching logos, marketing tools, indoor and outdoor exhibits, and publications.

Wildlife/Plant Surveys & Studies

- Conduct Bird, Butterfly or Dragonfly surveys, counts, and observations.
- Assist with plant diversity surveys. Help with planting plans and layouts.

Grounds & Maintenance

- Help us maintain and expand our plant inventory in the Native Plant Nursery
- Assist with ongoing and special planting projects on the grounds and around the city.
- Assist with maintenance and care in the Edinburg Community Garden.
- Help us weed, mulch, prune and plant in our garden areas.
- Assist with small repairs, construction projects and building upkeep
- Join in on Beautification efforts, Clean-ups and special projects.



Student-led

EWBC welcomes projects that would help beautify or enhance our habitat and gardens, provide spaces where people and wildlife can connect, protect wildlife, and promote conservation. If your class, group, organization or student has an idea they would like to implement, please contact us at (956) 381-9922.

YES, I want to Volunteer!

Simply complete the information and return it to the Edinburg Scenic Wetlands & World Birding Center by mail, fax, e-mail or in person.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (M) _____

E-mail _____

School/Organization _____

Birth Month _____ Birth Year _____

** Must be 16 years or older to volunteer.*

Volunteer Opportunity of Interest _____

Special Skills or Hobbies _____

At what times/days are you interested in volunteering?

Morning Afternoon Evening

Flexible Prefer weekends Prefer Weekdays

Limit only to special events

Other: _____

Times/Days during the week that I cannot volunteer:

IN PERSON OR BY MAIL TO:

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Edinburg, TX 78540

FAX TO: (956) 381-0715

E-MAIL TO: losalinas@cityofedinburg.com