



# PARKS

**Your Big Backyard**



## **Volunteer Event Information – Skyway Park 11/14/15 10am-2pm** **Day of Event Contact – Lina Rose, 206.491.5014**

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### **King County Parks**

King County's award-winning Parks and Recreation Division offers 175 miles of regional trails, 180 miles of hiking trails and 26,000 acres-worth of recreational experiences for every interest! In our 200 parks, you'll find ballfields, playgrounds and pools, as well as lush forests, quiet meadows, and many other Northwest ecosystems.

### **Why your Volunteer Service is Important**

Forests need to have diversity in order to be healthy and thrive. When forests are thriving, they can provide many benefits to our community like filtering pollution, mitigating erosion and storm damage and providing habitat for wildlife and green spaces where people can connect with nature and the outdoors. Aggressive noxious weeds like English Ivy and Himalayan Blackberry were brought to this area and planted by for their desirable characteristics of staying green all year round or tasty fruits. These plants have upset the balance that our forests need to survive and thrive. Removing these aggressive plants and planting native plants can help restore the balance to a damaged ecosystem.

### **What to Expect**

Event will begin with a discussion that includes information about King County Parks, the park that you are serving in, why this work is important and tool use and safety. King County will supply work gloves, a jug of water, light snacks, all instruction and tools. Young people under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Any minors attending the event without a parent or legal guardian must also bring a signed youth waiver to event in order to participate. Please plan to arrive on time for the start of the event and allow extra time to find parking. Valuable information about the park and instruction on the project is given at the start of the event and it is important for all volunteers to be present. Our project for the day is planting native trees and shrubs in our restoration site and possibly doing some invasive plant removal as well.

### **What to Bring**

Our events run rain or shine so please arrive prepared for the weather. We want you to enjoy your time with us!

- Layers of warm clothing that can get dirty.
- Closed-toed shoes are essential. Sturdy sneakers, rain boots or hiking boots are ideal
- Jeans or thick pants are ideal, stretchy leggings, shorts or capris are not recommended
- Full water bottle
- Rain jacket and rain pants
- Lunch and snacks

