



Toddy Pond Association - Volunteerism - toddypond.org

Toddy Pond Associations mission is to protect Toddy Pond and its watershed through responsible stewardship and education so that we and future generations may enjoy its beauty. Toddy Pond Association is a volunteer organization that is funded by membership fees, sponsorships, donations and grants.

TPA is currently working to save our Dam which is located at the northern end of the lake. Without the dam, which is at risk of abandonment, water levels would lower by 8', devastating wildlife, recreation, home values and negatively affecting an estimated \$100,000,000 of economic benefit to the area.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Here is the complete list of volunteer opportunities. Scroll down the document to see full descriptions. If interested in a role, please fill out the registration form.

- Event Volunteers
- On Lake Protection – CBI and IPP
- Grant Writing
- Fundraising
- Website
- Merchandise coordinator
- Newsletter editor

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Volunteer Expectations:

The Toddy Pond Association is looking for dedicated volunteers to assist in our organization's mission of protecting/saving Toddy Pond.

As a volunteer, you will be responsible for completing assigned tasks, assisting other team members, and helping those we serve with a positive and empathetic attitude. Volunteers are integral to our organization, and we value their contributions highly.

We are looking for individuals who are passionate about serving others, have good communication skills, can work well in a team while having fun along the way!

Time required will be dependent on volunteer opportunities. It is a priority of ours to help balance your volunteer role with your personal life. Depending on the opportunity, we will strive to work within a volunteer's schedule.

TPA is hoping that we will find passionate, creative and caring volunteers from our 550 Toddy Pond owners, friends and family of owners, or just people concerned with protecting this great Pond.

Event Volunteers:

TPA participates in events that allow us to engage with the public in ways that protect/save our pond. Currently we are seeking volunteers that are willing to commit to a couple of hours at local events that give us an opportunity to engage about the new Watershed Management Districts, and what they mean to the community.

Responsibilities: Engage with visitors, answer questions, provide information, dispel misconceptions. May require set up or break down of table/literature. Lifting 25 lbs. required. Other possible responsibilities: taking pictures, creating lists for follow up i.e. names, emails etc.

Requirements: Investing 2-4 hours of your time, standing, light lifting

Benefits: Developing new skills, networking, teamwork, contributing to a meaningful cause. Save Our Ponds!

Provided: Pre-event training, literature, table, awning, seating

[Click for TPA volunteer registration form](#)

On Lake Protection: Did you know that a tiny fragment of any one of eleven invasive aquatic plants could take root in the muddy lake bottom of Toddy Pond and within just a few years cover the entire pond up to a depth of 25 feet? The result would make it impossible to boat, swim or fish, and severely impact property values around the Pond.

TPA is seeking volunteers for two positions that are designed to protect Toddy from invasive plants.

Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP): the IPP role is designed to inspect the shorefront along the lake for plant life and to inspect species. Each volunteer will be assigned a section of the lake, will be provided training and tools will be supplied.

If you are a kayaker, and enjoy being on the water while helping to protect the pond, then this is a role for you!

Requirements: Supply your own kayak or canoe, study plant life and utilize tools supplied to report suspicious invasive plant life. Inspection to be completed by early fall.
Passion for Toddy Pond

Benefit: Learn about Toddy plant life, contribute to a meaningful cause - protect Toddy Pond

Provided: Training, tools

Courtesy Boat Inspection (CBI): The Courtesy Boat Inspection Program is the first line of defense in protecting Toddy Pond from invasive aquatic species. Toddy Pond has both paid and volunteer inspectors inspecting boats and providing information to boaters from early May through early September. This statewide DEP program is supported by Toddy Pond Association as well as private and public funding. CBI volunteers will be stationed at the Toddy Pond Boat Launch to inspect boats for invasive plants

Responsibilities: Engage with boaters, inspect boats, provide information. Protect Toddy Pond

Requirements: Study aquatic species to be able to identify invasive plants. Invest 2-4 hours of your time, standing.

Benefits: Developing new skills, networking, teamwork, contributing to a meaningful cause. Save Our Ponds!

Provided: Training, literature

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Grant Writing:

We are looking for an experienced grant writer that can seek out opportunities that fit our unique needs. Although this is a volunteer position, we will consider a stipend for the right experience level and success. This role will coordinate efforts with the Toddy Pond Association BOD and Outreach Committee. This role would be a leadership position in the TPA.

TPA activities for grant research/funding:

- Dam repairs, Maintenance and possible replacement
- Courtesy Boat Inspection
- Invasive Plant
- Water Quality

This position does not have to be local to Toddy Pond and can be flexible with schedule.

******If you have experience in Grant writing and can help, please fill out a registration form found below this document.**

Fundraising: Toddy Pond Association is seeking a volunteer to lead a fundraising committee of volunteers whose goal is to help fund activities that protect Toddy Pond and to help with dam maintenance and repair. This role will coordinate efforts with the Toddy Pond Association BOD and Outreach Committee. This role would be a leadership position in the TPA.

An ideal candidate has experience with fundraising for a non-profit organization that focuses on environmental issues and can organize a team of volunteers to support fundraising activities and hitting goals:

- Sponsorships
- Large donor targets
- Merchandise sales
- Creative fundraising activities/events

The candidate does not have to be local, but would be preferred. Experience working with a team remotely is a plus.

******If you have experience in fundraising and can help, please fill out a registration form found below this document.**

Website Assistance:

The TPA has decided to hire a website designer to help with improving the functionality of our website. Work on this project will begin in July with completion in early fall.

We are looking for a person that can participate in the process and eventually be a support person for maintenance, updating and content. Experience with website assistance is required. **This role can be remote.**

******If you have experience with website design/management and can help, please fill out a registration form found below this document.**

Merchandise Coordinator:

Toddy Pond Merchandise has traditionally been a successful fundraising effort for TPA. We seek an individual that is local to the Toddy Pond community that is well organized and creative. This individual will be responsible for ordering and tracking inventory of TP merchandise. The candidate will be asked to consider an ordering/shipping process that will allow for increase merchandising sales year-round.

******Please fill out a registration form found below this document if you can help.**

Newsletter Editor:

TPA mails a newsletter to its members twice a year. This letter is intended to inform its members on the happenings around the pond. Although the content is a team effort, we are looking for a person that can coordinate the content, work with the printer and mail the newsletters. If you are interested and would like to learn more, Donna Foster, our current editor is available to discuss. This position can be local or remote. Please fill out the form on this link.

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