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# VOLUNTEER

## Volunteer BREC

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### Take a Walk With Us Down Memory Lane

With 2017 coming to an end, we look back on the wonderful volunteer opportunities that took place this past year at BREC. We hosted many beautification projects, volunteered at a number of BREC community events and continued our support to BREC special facilities. We saw an array of local and national groups composed of groups of all ages, backgrounds and experiences donate their time to help BREC keep and grow its success in East Baton Rouge Parish. Whether it's beautification projects clearing walking trails, kayaking around the lakes to keep our waterways clean, painting our facilities or working at BREC-a-Boo, Sunshine Socials, family events and more. There was never a shortage of help from our amazing volunteers.

Thank you to the participants and groups Lambda Tau, Alpha Kappa Alpha, University of Rhode Island, Geaux Big, Catholic High School, Baton Rouge Magnet High School Honor Society, Episcopal 9th graders and Forum 35 for your energetic spirits, humble attitudes and willingness to get messy while painting rails, picking up trash and doing whatever was asked of you. Also thank you to our recurring groups who continue to give support to Volunteer BREC. Baton Rouge Magnet Key Club and Beta Club, Southern Lab History Club and Senior Beta Club, AKPsi, City Year, and others. These groups are always asking, "what can we do next". It is the leaders, groups and individuals like this that we are so thankful for here at BREC.

BREC is grateful for all the help it received in 2017. We have worked with some excellent groups and are thrilled to see so many community members involved in keeping their parks beautiful. Thanks to everyone who worked with Volunteer BREC, and we hope to see you in 2018!

Have a happy holiday and new year!



### PARK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

BREC relies on volunteers to maintain our parks and keep them safe for all residents to enjoy. BREC's park beautification projects provide the perfect opportunity to get outside. Come enjoy the outdoors while volunteering with your school, church, corporate, or community service group. We hope to have your students, staff, faculty and community members join us at one of our parks or facilities. Contact BREC's Volunteer Manager at (225) 272-9200 x 446 or [volunteer@brec.org](mailto:volunteer@brec.org) to schedule your group volunteer project

### FEATURED EVENT: BREC VOLUNTEER WORKING DAY: TREE PLANTING

#### CAPP Pennington Trail

Saturday, January 13 (9 - 11 a.m.)

Join us as we plant over 125 native trees to help beautify and restore the CAPP Pennington Trail! Every year, Apache Corporation has a goal to donate one million trees for restoration projects, like the one we are hosting. With the help of the donation, volunteers will have the opportunity to help protect our environment from erosion and provide resources for wildlife through this volunteer project. To learn more, or sign up to attend email [volunteer@brec.org](mailto:volunteer@brec.org)!



### HEARTS & HOOVES - Therapeutic Riding Program

#### Farr Park Equestrian Center

6402 River Road, Baton Rouge 70820

This program provides equine-oriented activities for the purpose of contributing to the cognitive, physical, emotional and social well-being of people with disabilities. The center welcomes adults and children, ages six and older, to participate in sessions throughout the school year every Monday at 4:30 or 6 p.m. Volunteers serve as "side walkers" as they lead the horses through the arena and trails to ensure the safety of participants. Experience with horses is **NOT** required. The fall semester classes run **September 11 - October 16** and **October 30 - December 4**.

## GOLF MARSHALS AND STARTERS

### Dumas Memorial Golf Course

13350 Hwy. 19, Baker  
Flexible Scheduling Daily

Located in Greenwood Community Park, this course is approximately 15 minutes from downtown Baton Rouge. One of the best places to golf in Baton Rouge, this course is an 18-hole layout measuring 6,596 yards. BREC is seeking volunteer golf marshals and starters to help with this incredible course. Marshals are known as the course rangers and help manage the flow around the golf course. Starters are needed to help control the pace of play on the golf course by directing players to the first tee at appropriate times. Golf volunteers may qualify for reduced playing fees. For more information about volunteering at Dumas Golf Course contact Boyd Kernan at [bkernan@brec.org](mailto:bkernan@brec.org) or 225-775-9166.

## SUNSHINE SOCIAL

### Milton J. Womack Park Ballroom

6201 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge 70806  
Friday, December 15 (6-9 p.m.)  
Theme: Ugly Sweater Christmas Soiree

Friday, January 19 (6:00 - 9:00 p.m.)  
Theme: Winter Wonderland

Through a partnership with Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge, BREC is able to offer themed, monthly socials for adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities and their friends and families. There will be disc jockey, snacks, door prizes, socialization and fun. Volunteers are needed to help serve food, socialize with the guests and dance, dance, dance.

## MOVIE IN THE PARK

3140 N. Sherwood Forest Drive, Baton Rouge  
70814  
Tuesday, December 19 (6:30 - 9:30 p.m.)  
Movie: Frozen (shown in Spanish)



### Plank Road Community Park (Movie Night for Adults)

19550 Plank Road, Zachary, 70791  
Friday, January 12 (6:30 - 9:30 p.m.)  
Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy 2 (2017)

### Mayfair Community Park

655 S. Sabine Drive, Baton Rouge 70810  
Friday, January 26 (6:30 - 9:30 p.m.)  
Movie: Sing (2016)

Join BREC for a family movie night under the stars. Volunteers are needed to help serve popcorn and other concessions. Email [volunteer@brec.org](mailto:volunteer@brec.org) to sign up

## CAROLING IN THE PARK

### City-Brooks Community Park

1515 Dalrymple Drive, Baton  
Rouge 70808  
Friday, December 8 (5:30 -  
8:30 p.m.)



Our biggest volunteer holiday event! Mark your calendars for BREC's annual Caroling in City Park featuring a park lighting ceremony, candlelight caroling, roasting marshmallows and a host of other family activities for all ages to enjoy. Volunteers will help set-up for event as well as during the event!

## BREC HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

### Greenwood Community Park Waterfront Theatre

13350 Hwy 19, Baker LA 70714  
Saturday, December 16 (9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

BREC's Superintendent, Carolyn McKnight is inviting her friends of BREC for a holiday open house event, and she's sent a special invitation to the big guy, Santa, himself! Volunteers will help holiday games, crafts and other activities!

## SANTA ROAD SHOW

### Gus Young Park 4200 Gus Young Avenue, Baton Rouge 70802

Saturday, December 16 (noon - 2 p.m.)

Experience the holidays as Santa makes his annual stop at BREC. Volunteers will help holiday games, crafts and other activities!

### JINGLE MINGLE

#### Baker Civic Center

3325 Groom Road, Baker  
70714

Thursday, December 21 (3 - 9  
p.m.)



Volunteers are needed to help with this holiday event including set-up, serving food, leading activities and more!



### HOW TO HELP

For more information about signing up for any of these volunteer opportunities, please email Ashlyn Lambert at [volunteer@brec.org](mailto:volunteer@brec.org), or call (225) 272-9200, ext. 446. Keep updated on BREC volunteer opportunities by signing up to receive volunteer information at [BREC.org/volunteer](http://BREC.org/volunteer), visit [volunteermatch.com](http://volunteermatch.com) and follow Volunteer BREC on Facebook.

**Volunteers serving 30 or more hours with BREC in a calendar year may qualify for a \$500 state income tax deduction.**



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