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**OUTDOOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE  
LITZSINGER ROAD ECOLOGY CENTER**

(ST. LOUIS): If you enjoy working with children and spending time outdoors, consider volunteering at the Litzsinger Road Ecology Center (LREC). **Volunteer Educators** are sought to guide and teach small groups of students beginning in the upcoming school year.

The LREC is a 34-acre nature facility, managed by the Missouri Botanical Garden, which offers students hands-on opportunities to investigate and learn about nature in local settings, including a woodland, a prairie, and a creek.

“Volunteering at Litzsinger, I have the best of several worlds: helping children to understand nature, working outdoors at this beautiful spot and working with others with similar interests,” said Faye Roth, LREC Volunteer Educator. “I learn something new each time I am there.”

Free Volunteer Educator training begins on **Monday, Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Monday training sessions continue for ten consecutive weeks through Nov. 16. During training, volunteers will become familiar with the site, learn inquiry-based, outdoor teaching strategies, and gain an understanding of basic ecology. Trainees will also have many opportunities to observe school groups and practice teaching.

The LREC is located in Ladue, ten miles west of downtown St. Louis. For more information on becoming a Volunteer Educator at the LREC, call Jackie Juras, manager of volunteer programs, at (314) 577-5187 or visit [www.litzsinger.org](http://www.litzsinger.org).

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