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## BOSTON GREENSPACE ALLIANCE

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Primary Category: Environmental

Other Category:

Description:

Can you imagine what Boston's neighborhoods would be like without parks and community gardens? Or, what the Boston Common would look like if it was left to neglect? The health and beauty of the City would seriously decline—quality of life in Boston would be drastically diminished. Thanks to *the Boston GreenSpace Alliance* and its supporting members, Boston's parks and open spaces remain a high priority on the public agenda and are ensuring livable communities citywide.

Founded in 1984, *Boston GreenSpace Alliance* is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection, creation, care and use of Boston's parks and open spaces. The Alliance is the recognized leader on open space issues in Boston and serves as a "watchdog and voice" on policy and planning matters affecting open space in the City.

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## BOSTON PARKS DEPARTMENT

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Primary Category: Environmental

Other Category:

Description:

*The Boston Parks and Recreation Department* oversees 2,200 acres of park land including 215 parks and playgrounds, 65 squares, urban woodlands and street trees, three active cemeteries, 16 historic burying grounds, and two golf courses. The department also programs a wide range of community events and live entertainment in the parks under its jurisdiction. The Boston Park Rangers act as the Department's eyes and ears while enhancing public safety. Over the last 10 years, the Parks Department implemented a \$120 million rehabilitation of the City park system targeting every tot lot and the majority of ball fields and courts.

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## CAMP NIHAN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Address: C/o MDC Reservations and Historic Sites, North Region  
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Primary Category: Environmental

Other Category:

Description: *Camp Nihan* is managed by the Department of Conservation & Recreation, Division of Urban Parks & Recreation and was dedicated by the former MDC Commissioner David B. Balfour in 1995 as an Environmental Education Center. Today the camp offers free environmental education programs for schools and nonprofit organizations.

The center is located adjacent to Breakheart Reservation in Saugus. Camp Nihan is an ideal facility for nature exploration embracing sixty five acres of woodland forest, marsh and a spring fed pond. The Saugus River flows through the camp property providing ideal habitats for animals such as heron and mallards. A variety of mammals reside in and around the area, including fox, deer and river otter. Click on the link below for directions to Camp Nihan.

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## MASSPIRG

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Primary Category: Environmental

Other Category:

Description: Today's college students are about to face big problems when they graduate -- from global warming to endangered species, from the escalating cost and declining quality of health care to the plight of the hungry and homeless.

Every campus has its share of apathy, but most students care about these problems. And, more than any other group of people, they have the time, the energy, the intelligence, the resources and the idealism to help solve them.

After all, colleges and universities teach students to become effective doctors, lawyers, engineers, computer programmers, entrepreneurs, managers and the like. They don't really teach students to become effective citizens. And effective citizenship is what it takes to shake up the status quo and get decision-makers to act on big social problems.

That's where the *Massachusetts Student Public Interest Research Group*, or MASSPIRG, comes in.

For 30 years, students who were involved with their MASSPIRG campus chapter have learned not only how to investigate a problem and come up with a practical solution. They've learned how to convince the media and decision-makers to pay attention and take action. In other words, through MASSPIRG, students gain an educational experience in democratic citizenship. And they get a chance to face up to society's big problems, take action, and win concrete changes that improve the quality of our lives.

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## MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

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Primary Category: Environmental

Other Category: Youth

Description:

More than 650 volunteers work alongside staff to provide learning and enjoyment to guests of all ages. The Museum offers numerous volunteer positions in a dynamic and enriching environment. Opportunities vary from interpreting exhibit spaces to guiding and providing information. No experience is necessary; the Museum will provide you with training and support to make your volunteer experience rewarding.

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## NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

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Primary Category: **Environmental**

Other Category:

Description: Founded in 1936, *National Wildlife Federation* is the nation's largest and oldest protector of wildlife. With more than four million members and supporters, NWF is committed to educating and empowering people from all walks of life to protect wildlife and habitat for future generations. In order to achieve its mission, NWF provides individuals, organizations, businesses and government with accessible, hands-on conservation education and action opportunities, leadership training and development, educational curriculum, information outreach and networking opportunities.

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## NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM

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Primary Category: Environmental

Other Category: Youth

Description:

Our greatest need for assistance is during weekday business hours; some weekend positions are available on a limited basis. Please note that there may be waiting list for curatorial positions, particularly those on weekends.

All applications will be kept on file for three months.

Applicants must be 18 years old to work hands-on with the animals.

Applicants who are at least 16 but not yet 18 years old are eligible to participate in our Aquarium Guide Training program.

Please note most positions require a six month commitment. For summer positons see volunteer descriptions for Newport, RI and Harbor Discoveries.

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## THE ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION

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Primary Category: Environmental

Other Category:

Description:

We are a dynamic nonprofit collaboration of citizens working to protect, restore, and beautify Boston's historic Charles River Esplanade. One of the oldest, most dramatic, and most popular urban parks in the country, the Esplanade comprises three miles of parkland stretching along the shore of the Charles River from the Museum of Science to the Boston University Bridge.

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