

Volunteering at The Aurora Sportsmen's Club

2014 Update and Answers to the Frequently Asked Question.

The Aurora Sportsmen's Club is a not-for-profit, all volunteer club. That means that everything we do on 250 plus acres of outdoor sports is done by members who love the place and contribute their time and talents to keep it running. The only paid staff: part-time bookkeeper, part-time trap pullers and part-time maintenance.

New members have to donate ten (10) hours in their first 12 months of membership. After the first year, all members have to donate five (5) hours per year. It's a community of members on an honor system; please honor it.

So you're probably wondering how you get your volunteer hours done? Here's a list that is by no means complete. The trick is to be proactive about it. If you wait until your year almost runs out there will be fewer options.

- Volunteer Jobs Book – In the ASC office there is a book with ideas on what you can do on your own when you happen to be at the club anyway.
- Work Parties – Sign up when a work party announcement goes out or is posted on the Member Forum or Newsletter. Could be anything from repairing ranges to building shooting stages for Practical Rifle or The Zombie Shoot to repainting a barn.
- Member Forum – Check the members-only forum under the "Volunteer Corner" tab to see what's been posted. Lots of departments and activities put help wanted posts there.
- Join/Support a Department – If there is a department that you have a real interest in, like: Rifle/Pistol, Shotgun, CMP, Range Safety, Youth Sports, Building and Grounds, etc.; become a regular staffer of that department or group. We need help all the time to do everything from facility maintenance to staffing open-to-the-public hours. We always need more Range Safety Officers and we provide the training for you. If your specialty is administrative stuff, we need help with event sign ups, member processing, renewals, and a whole bunch of other things.
- Run a match or event. – We have recurring/special matches and events all year long. Come out to set up, run or tear down an event or match.
- Contact the Volunteer Coordinator – Send a message to Volunteering@aurorasc.org and ask what you can do. Our Coordinator can match up your skills and abilities to a club need, even some stuff you can do from your home.
- Clean Up/Fix Up – Pick up trash, empty trash barrels, fix target frames, etc. whenever you have a few extra minutes and you're at the club anyway.
- Run for Office – All members in good standing are eligible to run for elected Director and Officer positions.
- Report Your Volunteer Hours - As long as you report your hours you will get credit for the hours you worked. Fill out the work hours log in the office or send a message to volunteering@aurorasc.org.
- Donate materials or supplies – You must ask first and if the club wants what you've got, you can get credit for the value of your donation against the hours you owe. But you have to ask first by sending a message to volunteering@aurorasc.org. Do not dump junk at the club.
- If all else fails, buy your hours. There is a Buy-out Option at ten dollars per hour. If you haven't reported your hours by the time they should have been reported, you will receive an invoice from the club bookkeeper.