



Board Member Opportunity

Mission: The mission of Briar Bush Nature Center (BBNC) is to inspire people of all ages and backgrounds to explore and protect nature by encouraging curiosity and scientific inquiry. For more information, visit our website at <https://www.briarbush.org/>

Board of Director position:

As a member of the Friends of Briar Bush Board (FOBB), you will play a pivotal role in guiding and shaping our organization's mission, vision, and strategic direction. Briar Bush Nature Center serves as a community hub for environmental education, conservation efforts, and community engagement, and your expertise and passion will help drive our initiatives forward.

Expectations:

Governance and Strategic Planning:

- Participate actively in bi-monthly board meetings, providing input on key decisions related to the BBNC's policies, programs, and strategic direction.
- Collaborate with fellow board members annually to develop and review the organization's mission, vision, and long-term goals.
- Ensure compliance with legal and ethical standards, as well as adherence to the organization's bylaws and policies.
- Participate in the recruiting of prospective new board members.

Financial Oversight:

- Review and approve the annual budget, financial reports, investments, and fundraising strategies.
- Monitor the organization's financial performance and ensure responsible stewardship of resources.
- Assist in identifying potential funding sources and cultivating relationships with donors, sponsors, and grant-making organizations.

Program Development and Evaluation:

- Provide input and support for the development and implementation of educational programs, exhibits, and events that promote environmental awareness and conservation.
- Evaluate program effectiveness and impact on the community, making recommendations for improvements and innovations.

Community Engagement and Outreach:

- Serve as ambassadors for FOBB and BBNC, promoting their mission and programs within the community.
- Foster partnerships with schools, businesses, government agencies, and other stakeholders to enhance the BBNC's reach and effectiveness.
- Attend and participate in public events, workshops, and meetings to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote FOBB's initiatives.

Advocacy and Environmental Stewardship:

- Advocate for policies and initiatives that promote environmental conservation, sustainability, and biodiversity.
- Stay informed about relevant legislation, regulations, and scientific research affecting the environment, and advocate for evidence-based solutions.
- Lead by example in adopting sustainable practices and promoting environmental stewardship in our community.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

The FOBB committed to a diverse, inclusive, and equitable environment where all board members, staff, volunteers, and members feel respected and valued regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation or identity, disability, education, or any other bias. Individuals of all backgrounds and experience levels are encouraged to apply.

Qualifications Desired:

- Passion for environmental conservation and education
- Experience in non-profit governance, strategic planning, or related fields, a plus
- Strong communication, interpersonal, and leadership skills
- Ability to collaborate effectively with diverse stakeholders
- Commitment to FOBB's mission and values
- Willingness to dedicate time and resources to board responsibilities, including:
 - one of your top charities
 - attending meetings and events
 - member of at least one board committee

Start Date:

Current Openings

TO APPLY: Direct all inquiries regarding the FOBB Board of Directors to:

Bonnie Bell, Chair, Governance Committee

Friends of Briar Bush Board of Directors

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