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Archbold hosting Volunteer Open House

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VENUS — Do you like sharing nature with others? Do you have tech skills to share or library management experience? Are you good at repairing vehicles and fences? If so, Archbold Biological Station could use your help. Folks 18 and over are welcome to attend a Volunteer Open House from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, March 10 to learn more about the many volunteer opportunities available.

Dustin Angell, Archbold education coordinator, asked some current volunteers why they contribute time at the Station.

Linda Gette, a seasonal volunteer, said, “Not a minute passes that I’m not learning something interesting about insects, birds, or tortoises. It’s fascinating stuff.”

Education volunteer Lee Andrus added, “We take the kids out on field trips and I’ll mention to them to ‘keep their eyes open’, and they will see stuff that I won’t see. I enjoy being outside and sharing nature with them.”

Ed Cunningham, volunteer with Dr. Reed Bowman in the Avian Ecology Program, commented, “It will probably take a couple of years to catalogue all the mammal and bird skins in the museum-type collection at Archbold, so that will keep me busy until I’m older.”

Areas where help is needed include special events, public tours, education, as well as information technology, library, property maintenance, and administration.

“Volunteers are not restricted in the number of programs where they can assist and we have great training for those who may feel unsure by what the Station is all about,”

explained Debbie Regnier, executive assistant, who works with administrative volunteers.

Contact Angell at 863-465-2571, ext. 233 for more information about the event or volunteering in general.

Archbold is 8 miles south of Lake Placid. The entrance is 1.8 miles south of State Road 70 on Old State Road 8. Visit www.archbold-station.org.