

Title: Turtle Volunteer

Description: The Bucky Buddies care for, support, and improve the quality of life of our three toed box turtle “Bucky”. She and her Buddies support the educational mission of Prescott Farm through teaching and sharing experiences with Bucky.

Time:

Duration: Year round

Days: Once or twice a week, anytime the center is open. Days and times are flexible and need to be consistent from week to week.

Time: Usually takes 15-20 min

Tasks and Responsibilities: Feeding, removing old food, cleaning out tank and pool, misting tank, caring for plants (if present), checking temperature, recording information, noting any abnormal behavior or observations, and the general wellbeing of Bucky.

Qualification: The desire to care for reptiles and the ability to do so.

Training: All Bucky buddies must attend the Turtle Team Service Learning Opportunity or other training to be properly trained to care for Bucky.

Safety: While Bucky is kind and curious, she is also a living animal and must be handled with care so she is not harmed during cleaning. When working with animals of any kind, including Bucky, care must be taken to avoid being bitten or scratched. Bucky has never done this to anyone or showed any interest in this so there is minimal risk.

Worksite: The Pardoe Center

Special Projects: There are opportunities to improve Bucky's terrarium and adjoining educational materials.

Other Relevant information: When cleaning out Bucky's space, make sure to use only tools that are designated for Bucky. Please use the sink labeled: “Not a food prep sink” to clean Bucky materials. The food kitchen area is not an appropriate place to dispose of water as it is used for food prep and can be contaminated by Bucky's dirty water.