



CHERRY HILL TRAIL CREW INFORMATION, APPLICATION & WAIVER

What is the Cherry Hill Trail Crew?

The Cherry Hill Trail Crew is a volunteer program of the Cherry Hill Township Environmental Board (CHEB) and is comprised of volunteers who have the principal responsibility of performing trail maintenance on all of the Township's trails on a monthly basis and to promote conservation. The Trail Crew also will organize and host corporate, civic, youth groups to perform service projects on the Township's trails to assist in the maintenance and preservation of Cherry Hill's open spaces.

Why is Trail Maintenance Important? Well maintained trails provide a pleasant trail experience, make the trails safe, minimizes the impact of the trails to the environment, and minimizes or addresses erosion.

Trail Crew members will work with hand tools such as shovels, Macleods, Pulaskis, clippers, rakes, as well as power tools such as mowers and weed trimmers. The Trail crew will perform trail clearing, trail improvements including erosion control, minor re-routes, improve wet areas, remove litter and debris, and report problems such as tree falls, vandalism, erosion and unauthorized trail building.

This is an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, enhance and preserve our open spaces, learn new skills and get fit!

The Cherry Hill Trail Crew will work as a team minimally on a monthly basis rotating through the following trails:

Barclay Farmstead Trails	Borton Mill Trails
Bunker Hill Trails	Cherry Valley Trail
Croft Farm Trails	Downs Farm Trails
Erlton North Trails	Kresson Trails
Old Orchard Trails	Surrey Place Trails

Regular Trail Crew sessions will be held the second Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Additional sessions will be scheduled on an as-needed basis.



Trail Crew Work Duties:

- Work as a team – Trail Crew members should not work alone.
- Log all work performed on the Trail Crew Work Report form.
- Participate in all crew activities.
- Respect your fellow crew members.
- Respect the natural environment.
- Follow directions and ask for approval before you dig.
- Show up to work on time.
- Perform high-quality work.
- Work SAFELY at all times.
- Demonstrate a desire to learn new skills.
- Conduct yourself with courtesy and care to trail visitors and the environment.

*In our responsibility to the **environment**, we value stewardship.*

Stewardship:

We recognize the natural world as the sustaining factor of our quality of life as individuals and as a society. By caring for the earth and connecting people to nature through stewardship we build strong community and healthy individuals for now and in the future.

- Be aware how your actions impact the earth and its natural resources.
- Strive to leave a small footprint and take responsibility for your actions.
- Educate others in the goals of conservation and how they can take part.
- Get your hands dirty and shirt sweaty alongside others in service to conservation.
- Think beyond today and protect the world for future generations.

Trail Crew Membership Qualifications:

- You must be 18 years of age at time of work. Under 18 requires parent or legal guardian consent and signature. Under 18 not permitted to operate power tools/equipment.
- You must be willing to work as a team.
- You must be willing to work in all weather conditions.
- You must be willing to listen to and follow crew leader instructions.
- You must be willing to hike up to 2 miles per day (with equipment).
- You must be willing to get dirty and have fun.
- You must complete and submit the application and waiver.

Trail Crew Structure:

The Trail Crew will be coordinated through a volunteer Trail Crew Manager who will oversee the program through the auspices of the CHEB. The manager will provide day-to-day supervision, schedule all Trail Crew work, assign tools, approve recommendations for changes to existing trails and/or building new trails, coordinate training and submit reports, trail work logs and trail recommendations to the CHEB. The Trail Crew Manager will also identify individuals as Point of Contacts (POC) for each trail system. The POC will provide information to the Trail Crew regarding trail conditions and recommendations for trail work.



Key Trail Crew Contacts:

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Lew Gorman, Chair
Cherry Hill Environmental Board
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Earle Seneres, Cherry Hill Environmental Liaison
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Clothing and Equipment:

Tools will be provided. Members must have your own work gloves. Hiking or work boots are required. Leather boots are preferable. You must wear pants (not shorts) that provide full coverage. You may wish to wear a wicking material, including t-shirt as well. You must always have drinking water. You can bring a backpack, lunch, raingear, and any other personal gear needed to stay comfortable outdoors. Crew members must be dressed in an appropriate and respectable manner. Sessions will include training in trail building and trail maintenance techniques.

Expectations and Safety:

As this is a Township sponsored program, all Cherry Hill Township rules and regulations apply. Violation of any Trail Crew or Township rules may result in suspension from the Trail Crew program. There is an inherent degree of risk associated with working with tools and manual labor. Trail work is strenuous and exhausting. Work within your own physical capabilities. Trail Crew members have a personal responsibility to follow directions and work safely. Safe use of tools will be taught.

All Trail Crew members using tools or operating power tools must be equipped and use the required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) which may include safety glasses, gloves, hearing protection, and appropriate boots and clothing.

- **All leather (or Kevlar) boots.** NO EXCEPTIONS WHILE USING TOOLS! Boots should always be worn at the work site. NO working in lightweight hiking shoes or boots unless the Program Director allows otherwise 
- **Hard hat, gloves, and eye protection** must be worn AT ALL TIMES on CHTC projects unless the Trail Crew Manager allows otherwise (for example trash projects may not require a hard hat)
- **Long pants.** Like boots they should always be worn at the work site. A thin layer of fabric can deflect a blow and/or reduce injury from a stray tool swing. NO shorts are allowed at work
- A **T-shirt or long-sleeved work shirt** is required. No modified shirt sleeves or tank tops.
- **Ear protection** must be worn while using impact tools (rock hammers, etc.) when using chainsaws, working around or using machinery or power tools.
- All proper **PPE MUST** be used during setup and cleanup of work site and equipment.

Our Commitment:

You are about to participate in a rare opportunity. It requires strenuous labor, respect for the natural environment, and a high level of self motivation. In return, you will have an opportunity to make a positive difference in preserving our natural lands and supporting safe and enjoyable access to our woodlands and open spaces for residents and visitors.

The Cherry Hill Trail Crew is an all volunteer organization. You and your crew mates will devote your own personal time and commitment out of love and respect for the outdoors. We take our stewardship role seriously and we expect the same of you. On behalf of the Cherry Hill Environmental Board, thank you for giving your time to make a positive difference.



Information about the Cherry Hill Trails is available on the web at <http://www.cherryhill-nj.com> under the Environmental Board.

NOW, LET'S GET DIRTY!

Cherry Hill Trail Crew Volunteer Application



Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Availability

During which hours are you available for volunteer assignments?

- Weekday mornings Weekend mornings
 Weekday afternoons Weekend afternoons
 Weekday evenings Weekend evenings

Trails

Tell us which trail system do you visit most frequently? Rank them in order: 1 for most frequent and 10 for least frequent.

- Barclay Farmstead Trails
 Borton Mills Trails
 Bunker Hill Trails
 Cherry Valley Trails
 Croft Farm Trails
 Downs Farm Trails
 Erlton North Trails
 Kresson Trails
 Old Orchard Trails
 Surrey Place Trails

Home Trail

Which trail is closest to your home? _____

Special Skills or Qualifications

Summarize special skills and qualifications you have acquired from employment, previous volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports that are applicable.

Previous Volunteer Experience

Summarize your previous volunteer experience.

Person to Notify in Case of Emergency

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal. I further acknowledge that I must follow the Cherry Hill Trail Crew rules and the Cherry Hill Township rules and regulations. Failure to follow rules may result in losing Trail Crew membership.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	

Our Policy

It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability. Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in volunteering with us. Please also complete and sign the Cherry Hill Township release and waiver.





You couldn't pick a better place.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

This Release and Waiver of Liability (the "Release") executed by the "Volunteer" in favor of The Township of Cherry Hill. The Volunteer desires to work as a volunteer for the Township and engage in the activities related to being a volunteer. The Volunteer understands that the activities may include the following: The Volunteer hereby freely, voluntarily, and without duress executes this Release under the following terms:

RELEASE AND WAIVER: Volunteer does hereby release and forever discharge and hold harmless the TOWNSHIP and its successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from Volunteer's Activities with the township. Volunteer understands that this Release discharges Township from any liability or claim that the Volunteer may have against the Township with respect to any bodily injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from Volunteer's Activities with the Township, whether caused by the negligence of Township or its officers, directors, employees or agents or otherwise. Volunteer also understands that Township does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health, or disability insurance in the event of injury or illness.

MEDICAL TREATMENT: Volunteer does hereby release and forever discharge Township from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid, treatment, or service rendered in connection with the Volunteer's Activities with the Township.

ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK: The Volunteer understands that the Activities included work that may be hazardous to the Volunteer, including, but not limited to: trail maintenance / building. Volunteer hereby expressly and specifically assumes the risk of injury or harm in the Activities and releases the Township from all liability for injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from the Activities.

INSURANCE: The Volunteer understands that, except as otherwise agreed to by the Township in writing, the Township does not carry or maintain health, medical, or disability insurance coverage for any Volunteer. Each Volunteer is expected and encouraged to obtain his or her own medical or health insurance coverage.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE: Volunteer does hereby grant and convey unto the Township all right, title, and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by the Township during the Volunteer's Activities with the Township, including, but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such photographs or recordings. Volunteer also hereby releases the Township to publish any and all images and recordings taken by the Township staff and volunteers in which the Volunteer appears, to be used by the Township for marketing and public relations purposes.

OTHER: Volunteer expressly agrees that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the law of the State of New Jersey and that this Release shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey. Volunteer agrees that in the event that any clause or provision of this Release shall be held to be invalid by an court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this Release which shall continue to be enforceable.

I further state that I have carefully read the foregoing release, know its contents and sign as my own free act.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

PHONE: _____

VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE IF UNDER 18 YEARS OLD: _____