

Volunteer Opportunities

Become an NC GreenPower Volunteer and help us spread the word!

NC GreenPower has a pretty small outreach staff (only 2 of us!), so to help us spread the word about the program, we depend on hundreds of volunteers for education and outreach to the public. In any given year, NC GreenPower may receive up to 50 requests to speak at or attend events. Volunteers assist us by staffing more than half of our annual events, especially during April's Earth Month and October's Energy Action Month.

Below are the types of volunteer opportunities NC GreenPower offers. Please email speaker@ncgreenpower.org to inquire about current availabilities for each activity.

Due to COVID-19, NC GreenPower expects in-person events to be postponed through the middle or end of 2021. However, we will continue to offer virtual volunteer opportunities!

Outreach and Education Volunteer

Most of our requests are for volunteers to staff an outreach table at an event with one or two other volunteers. You might be on your own, but in most cases, volunteers work with a team.

At our outreach events, volunteers will be responsible for greeting event goers, answering brief questions about NC GreenPower and giving away eco-friendly promo items like as recycled newspaper pens and biodegradable color-change cups. We'll provide you with examples of the projects we support and you'll be explaining how people can donate directly to our program. We will also have a small solar demonstration (if your event is outside) as well as some type of educational activity for children (SNAP circuits, UV beads, coloring books etc.). Examples of outreach events include: STEM Expos, Earth Day Fairs and other sustainability or education related events.

Speakers Bureau Volunteer

The NC GreenPower statewide Speakers Bureau provides free presentations to any group, business or organization that has an interest in learning more about clean energy alternatives, carbon offsets and their benefits.

Speakers Bureau Volunteers are trained for speaking engagements and will present a PowerPoint to a small audience. The speakers come from a variety of backgrounds and include NC GreenPower representatives, economists, environmentalists, electric utility representatives, renewable energy advocates and generators. Examples of presentations and audiences might include a local Rotary Club or Sierra Club, school classes or club.

Social Media Ambassador

Now NC GreenPower has a new way for you to get involved! Don't have time to volunteer at an event? Become a social media ambassador!

Become a Social Media Ambassador to help amplify the good news about us using your email or personal social networks, such as LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook. Once you sign up, you will receive no more than one email per month that contains a piece of news or an update that you can choose to share with friends, family and coworkers.

SIGN UP NOW: <https://mailchi.mp/ngreenpower.org/social-media-ambassador>

Guest Blogger

We are looking for guest writers to help with our blog. We're hoping to publish 1 or 2 blog posts every month, but we are flexible! Potential topics can include renewable energy, STEM education, energy efficiency, carbon offsets, EVs, reducing waste, composting, and - of course - solar! Read our current posts here: www.ncgreenpower.org/blog/

We are looking for at least 3-4 volunteers to share the work over the next 6 months.

Sign up and Training

Every volunteer makes a difference!

To sign up to be a volunteer, please fill out our [sign up form online](#). We will provide you with training prior to your first volunteer experience.

If you have questions about becoming a part of our volunteer network, feel free to contact us anytime by email at speaker@ncgreenpower.org.

Training

If you have never been trained to volunteer, you have the option of attending a local training session, an online webinar or participating in a scheduled one-on-one training with one of our staff members. Refresher sessions take about 20 minutes and full training sessions are about 30-45 minutes. We also provide you with the presentation and a summary of our volunteer program for reference and go over the materials you'll have at the event you will be staffing.

Who can participate?

Anyone ages 16+ may be trained to serve as a volunteer for the Speakers Bureau!

How often are the trainings held?

We schedule trainings throughout the year, depending on how many volunteers have signed up. Trainings are always held in advance of April's Earth Month.

Location

Training sessions will be held at our offices on Centennial Campus at:
909 Capability Dr, Suite 2100
Raleigh, NC 27606

If you live outside of the Triangle area we can schedule a remote training session for you.

Parking

We will provide you with a parking pass via email prior to your training session. Please park in the parking lot next to our building or in the parking lot across the street.

Rules and Guidelines

Dress and Appearance Guidelines

Please wear your NC GreenPower T-shirt for outreach events and school presentations. When you present to businesses and other groups make sure to dress professionally.

Cell Phone Policy

Please do not use headphones or phones (even for texting) while staffing an event for us. We want you to engage people and not be distracted by your phone!

Age Guidelines

Volunteers need to be at least 16 years of age. Younger volunteers may be considered on a case-by-case basis, and we may require a parent to attend as well.

Politics

Since NC GreenPower is non-partisan, non-policy and not affiliated with any political party or organization, please refrain from commenting on political events or issues while volunteering.

Social Media

Although not required, we would really appreciate it if you could take pictures at events for us to use on our social media platforms and our website. If you have pictures you'd like to share with us, please email them to speaker@ncgreenpower.org.

Community Service Hours (Court Related)

We welcome select volunteers needing to complete community service hours. NC GreenPower offers community service hours for lawyer recommended service, court-appointed service, and hours needed for pending charges. We accept traffic violations only, such as speeding in a school zone or passing an emergency vehicle. This does NOT include driving while impaired or driving under the influence.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do you have volunteer opportunities for groups?

On occasion, yes. We will indicate in the request for volunteer email how many people are needed.

Can high school or college students volunteer to meet service hour requirements?

Yes! Students who are in need of service hours are welcome to volunteer. Please keep in mind that our events requests come in sporadically, so we cannot guarantee a certain amount of hours.

Where is your office located?

We are located at 909 Capability Dr, Ste 2100 in Raleigh, NC 27606. Your training session will take place at our office if you live in the Triangle area.

Where are the outreach events located?

We have outreach and education events that take place all over North Carolina. When you sign up to volunteer on our website, we ask you to include where you are located in North Carolina. You will only get an email with volunteer opportunities if it is in your area.

Will a staff member be volunteering with me?

While we make every effort to have a staff member at as many events as possible, you may not be working with an NC GreenPower staff member at your event. That's why volunteers are so important to us! You are helping to spread the word about our program and keeping our expenses low. Most of the time you will be working with another volunteer. Staff members are reachable at any time prior to and during the event; should you have any issues getting to your shift or an unforeseeable emergency, just give us a call or send a text!

If you feel uncomfortable answering any of the questions at the event, feel free to hand out NC GreenPower's business cards or refer them to our website.



A big thanks again from all of us at NC GreenPower! We sincerely appreciate your help and your interest in our program. Please be sure to encourage your friends and family to support our schools who are engaging in fundraising to install solar PV at their schools:

<http://my.ncgreenpower.org/>

We look forward to seeing you!

Questions?

**Please contact Katie Lebrato at
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