

Voluntourism on the OBX



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A GUIDE TO *Volunteering*



The Outer Banks holds a special place in part due to its extensive network of non-profits, numbering over 100, dedicated to preserving and protecting our culture, history, natural spaces, and overall well-being. This reflects the profound generosity of the locals and underscores our collective commitment to this cherished place. The Outer Banks Visitors Bureau has introduced its Voluntourism initiative to spotlight these local organizations and their vital contributions to our community. In collaboration with the Outer Banks Community Foundation, the Bureau has launched a nonprofit section on its website (outerbanks.org/voluntourism). Here, visitors can explore profiles of Outer Banks non-profits, peruse upcoming events, and discover opportunities for volunteerism, catering to teens, groups, adults, and seniors alike, year-round.

“We are continually exploring ways to make visitors more aware of, and connected to, the causes of the Outer Banks. By doing so, we can encourage thoughtful visitation while also providing non-profit organizations with more resources to make an even greater impact.” – Lee Nettles, Executive Director, Outer Banks Visitors Bureau

“It’s an honorable thing to leave a place just as you found it. But taking that a step further and sharing a bit of your time and talent to leave that special place in even better shape demonstrates a true appreciation for a community and leaves you connected in a way you never could have imagined otherwise.” – Elisabeth Silverthorne, Executive Director, Beach Food Pantry



local BEACH INITIATIVES



NC BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION

The North Carolina Beach Buggy Association is dedicated to preserving the natural beauty of our coastal treasures. This voluntourism project focuses on organizing beach cleanups that not only help maintain the pristine environment of NC's stunning beaches but also provide a unique opportunity for volunteers to make a positive impact while enjoying the scenic beauty of the coastline.

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OUTER BANKS SURFRIDER FOUNDATION & KITTY HAWK KITES

Kitty Hawk Kites is partnering with Surfrider Foundation Outer Banks Chapter to host a series of beach cleanups this season. Volunteers will receive gloves and cleanup bags, and will be free to clean up a stretch of beach of their own choosing. All participants will be encouraged to use the Marine Debris Tracker app to log the trash they have picked up.

Learn more by visiting: www.kittyhawk.com/event/surfrider-beach-cleanup-kitty-hawk/



TOWN OF DUCK

Join us as a Beach Planting Volunteer and help build new dunes along our beautiful coastline. As a Dune Defender, you'll get to plant native grasses and shrubs that strengthen the shoreline against erosion and storm surges. Other Town volunteer opportunities include: Summer Event Volunteer opportunities include

- 4th of July Parade & Celebration Volunteer
- Duck Jazz Festival Volunteer
- Yuletide Celebration Volunteer
- Office Volunteer

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give back TO THE COMMUNITY



Beach Food Pantry

Rise and shine with us, preparing healthy food baskets for families in need. Volunteer activities include pantry organization, stocking shelves, and other upkeep tasks.

Kitty Hawk, NC
252-261-2756
volunteers@dbeachfoodpantry.org
beachfoodpantry.org/volunteer



Food For Thought

Assemble healthy food bags each week at our distribution center. Organize the next week's food bounty, ensuring smooth delivery to schools. Welcome deliveries from the Food Bank of the Albemarle and Food Lion.

Kitty Hawk, NC
fttdare@gmail.com
www.foodforthoughtobx.org/you-can-help/



Chicamacomico Lifesaving Station

Help preserve precious artifacts and documents as an archivist, ensuring these stories resonate for generations to come. Be the first friendly face visitors encounter as a greeter.

Rodanthe, NC
252-987-1552
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<https://chicamacomico.org/volunteer/>



Frisco Native American Museum

Help sort and label hundreds of fascinating stone artifacts. Nurture Nature's Wonders while tending to our beloved plants, ensuring they continue to brighten the museum environment. Join our creative team and help us build, repair, or maintain exhibits.

Frisco, NC
252-995-4440
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<https://nativeamericanmuseum.org/schoolsresearch/>

for the NATURE & ANIMAL LOVERS



OBX SPCA

Become a Dog Walker: Be a furry friend's sunshine, giving them joy and exercise. Clean Team: Be a hero behind the scenes, keeping our shelters sparkling for happy paws & more.

Manteo, NC
252-475-5620
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<https://www.obxspca.org/get-involved/>



Elizabethan Gardens

Learn from our experts, nurture our blooms, and brush up your skills alongside our horticulture team. Help us keep our nursery thriving and guide budding gardeners on their plant journeys.

Manteo, NC
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www.elizabethangardens.org/volunteers-get-involved/



Outer Banks Conservationists

Lend a hand on historic Island Farm, connecting the past to the present through sustainable agriculture and hands-on learning. Become an Archive Ace, unearthing hidden treasures and preserving stories of the past.

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NC Coastal Federation

Plant native trees, rebuild oyster reefs, and nurture the ecosystem that sustains our coast. Discover the joy of making a real difference with like-minded volunteers. Host your own cleanup!

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Help keep this place special.

For generations, the Outer Banks has been synonymous with happiness for many. To some, these islands represent the very essence of joy. They say that when you pursue what you love, work becomes a joyous endeavor. We believe that by tending to the place where our hearts find solace, our spirits remain ever vibrant. Living on the edge of the continent presents its challenges, requiring resilience and fortitude. Yet, for those who have found their spiritual calling on the OBX, dedicating themselves to a life of fulfillment is the most natural path to take.



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