

Cobb County Water System

Fairy Habitat Helper

Position Description: Fairy Habitat Helper

Department: Water System, Office of Environmental Compliance, Water Quality Laboratory, Watershed Stewardship Program

Immediate Supervisor: Parent or guardian of Fairy Habitat Helper

Description Summary:

Create, observe, and maintain habitat for small creatures. These tiny, constructed homes for fairies and other nature friends are made of twigs, bark, grass, pebbles, shells, pine cones, nuts, and other natural treasures found outdoors.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Essential Job Functions:

- Prepare area for construction
- Collect materials
- Observe site after construction
- Report your activity, observations, progress

Knowledge, Skills, Abilities:

- Willingness to work outdoors
- Knowledge of habitat (food, water, shelter, and space)
 - What is fairy habitat? Where do fairies live, work, and play?
 - Food- nibble on fruits/vegetables/leaves/nuts. Have you ever seen tiny little bites taken from fruit?
 - Water - sip dew off plants
 - Shelter - you will be building fairy shelters
 - Space - they love to roam and explore!! We need to locate safe areas for play time
- Experience collecting fairy house materials
- Experience constructing
- Ability to follow instructions

Requirements:

- Must be 4 years of age or older.
- Must have parental approval.

Fairy Habitat Construction:

- Get down on your hands and knees and examine the area around the trees. Do a thorough site check to see if the site will work.
- Fairies like a good view, shade, sturdy shelter, and want to be close to clean water and healthy food.
- We only use natural items for fairy houses.
- Don't pick or pull anything alive. We don't want to disturb the habitat.

- Don't poke your fingers in tree holes. There is likely something already living in there that we don't want to disturb.
- Find 10-20 good sticks to start with that you can break for the walls, floor, and roof supports.
- Look for pinecones, nuts, acorns, fallen leaves, lichen, and other natural objects that can help you decorate.
- Don't pick flowers. If you want blooms at your fairy house, build near a flower.
- Don't move large rocks or logs. Build near them if you want. You don't want you to tear up another creature's home and lots of animals live under rocks and in logs.
- Feel free to sing and tell stories while you build. They fairies may be watching and they like to hear your stories and songs.
- If possible, check back on the Fairy House to see if there is evidence of visitors and/or habitation. Repair as needed.

Time Commitment: 1-3 times per week

Length of Commitment: 3 months