

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Group: _____

Representative: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Adopted Park/Trail: _____

The City of Cottage Grove reserves the right to refuse, cancel, or revise this agreement if in its sole judgment the nature of the group or its sign is political, controversial, or in questionable taste, or if the group is not meeting the terms and conditions herewith to the satisfaction of the City of Cottage Grove.

Except for the negligent act of the City of Cottage Grove, its agents, and employees, the volunteers or their agents shall assume liability for, and save the City of Cottage Grove, its agents, and employees, harmless from any and all claims for damages, actions, or causes of action arising out of the work to be done herein.

Any and all volunteers of the group, or other persons while engaged in the performance of any work or service performed under this agreement, shall not be considered employees of the City of Cottage Grove, and any and all claims that may or might arise under the Worker's Compensation Act of Minnesota on behalf of said employees or other persons while so engaged, and any and all claims made by any third party of the group's volunteers or other persons while so engaged on any of the work or services to be rendered, shall in no way be the obligation or responsibility of the City of Cottage Grove.

Group Representative

Signature _____

Date _____

Cottage Grove Parks & Recreation



Adopt-A-Park AND Adopt-A-Trail



8020 80th St. So.
Cottage Grove, MN 55016
651.458.3400
www.cottage-grove.org



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

These programs allow organizations, corporations, and groups to participate in maintaining and enhancing City of Cottage Grove neighborhood/community parks and trails.



WHY SHOULD WE PARTICIPATE

- Litter is unsightly and it destroys the natural aesthetics of our parks and city.
- A litter free community is inviting to visitors and prospective new citizens and businesses.
- Taking ownership in a city park shows citizens and visitors a sense of pride from our community.
- Litter is very expensive. We hire several seasonal employees each year to pick up litter and empty trash cans. Even with this effort, we cannot keep up with the problem.
- As Cottage Grove continues to grow, the park system grows as well. This makes it increasingly difficult to maintain the quality of each park.

WE WILL PROVIDE

- Free trash bags and pickup of full bags.
- A personalized sign identifying the group's efforts at adopted location, after two consecutive clean-ups.
- Identification on the City's website as a volunteer member of this program.
- Invitation for 2 to the Volunteer Banquet.



PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- Parks and trails are chosen on a first come, first served basis.
- You review your site at a minimum of two times per year; preferably in the spring and fall.
- Make a one year commitment to the program.
- Services include: picking up litter, sweeping court surfaces, sweeping trails and sidewalks, weeding flower beds, etc.
- Groups are asked to report: vandalism damage, graffiti, unsafe conditions, and buildings or structures that need repair.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO COMMIT

Contact the Cottage Grove Recreation Department at 651.458.3400, and tell them you are interested in the Adopt-A-Park or Trail program. After choosing an available park or trail you will arrange your initial project date and report back once your clean-up is complete; so that we can pick up the bags.

TIPS TO BE SUCCESSFUL

- Do your cleanups with a partner.
- Stay away from the edge of steep banks, particularly if you suspect the bank to be unstable.
- Children under the age of 16 should work with an adult.
- Handle all sharp objects with gloves.
- Do not carry anything beyond your ability.
- Only clean rubbish above ground. Do not dig to remove objects. Never reach into places you cannot see.
- In case of rain or thunderstorm, do not seek shelter under tall trees or other objects. Seek shelter in low areas.
- Bring proper attire with you for each outing. Some items include, but are not limited to: tennis shoes, gloves, sun screen, bug spray, and first-aid kit.

