Special Events

Native Plant Sale & Festival
Sat. & Sun., Oct. 4 & 5, 10 am-4:30 pm
A sale of native woody plants and shrubs. Volunteers will help with set up, greeting and directing visitors, and selling plants. Other positions TBA.

Prescribed Burn Crew Training
Fri., Oct. 10, 1-3 pm
Matthaei Botanical Gardens
If you enjoy the natural areas at Matthaei-Nichols and would like to help maintain them this is a great service learning opportunity. Volunteers are on call for weekday, afternoon burns (1-4 pm) during the spring and fall. The training will provide basic information about the use of prescribed fire as a restoration tool and the basic volunteer duties. A tour of past burn sites and hands-on demonstration will be provided, weather permitting. Pre-registration required.

Conservatory Ambassador Training
two options
Sat., Oct. 11, 9 am-noon
Wed., Oct. 15, 1-4 pm
Matthaei Botanical Gardens
After the blossoming glory of the display gardens has faded our visitors can find a welcome retreat in the Conservatory. Ambassadors greet & guide visitors to points of interest and informal learning opportunities. This training will introduce volunteers to the Visitor Services department and cover the basics about the tropical, temperate, and arid biomes and the many fascinating plants that are found in each. Ambassadors commit to two, 3-hour shifts per month and attend ongoing educational sessions. Phone interview and pre-registration is required.

Trainings

Run for the Arb
Sat., Sept. 6, 9 am, Nichols Arboretum
Join us for the 3rd Annual Run for the Arb, a special fundraising run/walk/stroll through the trails of Nichols Arboretum. All proceeds benefit Matthaei Botanical Gardens & Nichols Arboretum. Volunteers help out with registration, way-finding, refreshments and finish line.

Get Involved—Volunteer! Fall 2014
Fall is the perfect time to dig into some great volunteer opportunities at Matthaei-Nichols. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 734.647.8528 or yorabhi@umich.edu for more information.