[Pathway to Water Quality](http://www.pathwaytowaterquality.org/) (PWQ) is a conservation exhibit sponsored by the [Indiana Conservation Partnership](http://icp.iaswcd.org/?p=499) (ICP). The exhibit is located at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Every year, PWQ hosts approximately 60,000 visitors who visit our premiere conservation exhibit during the 18-day Indiana State Fair. Part of what makes the exhibit successful are all of the ICP staff who volunteer at Pathway.

This year, volunteer sign-up for staffing Pathway to Water Quality at the 2023 Indiana State Fair will open at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 1st. The state fair will run from July 28th to August 20th with the fairgrounds closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

As you promote volunteer sign-up to your staff and volunteers, please let them know that we are offering an opportunity to volunteer for *“a day at Pathway.”* If a group from the same area, region, or multi-county area registers for a day at Pathway, they would be responsible for filling all of the volunteer positions for that day (9-14 positions in total). The advantage of group registration is that it holds the day your group prefers to work at the Indiana State Fair. We will offer this ahead of the official opening of registration to ensure that you can reserve the date that your group prefers. To reserve your group day at pathway, simply email Sara Peel at [pathwaytowaterquality@gmail.com](mailto:pathwaytowaterquality@gmail.com) by May 19th. Registration for a day at pathway occurs on a first-come-first-serve basis. This year, Pathway will not honor reservations for day at pathway for the River Friendly Farmer Awards day.

Once your day is reserved, one person from each team is responsible for gathering contact information (name, email and cell phone number) for all volunteer positions for your desired date and sending that to Sara no later than July 1st. Please visit <http://pathwaytowaterquality.org> for an overview of the positions in the training video and information about the pathway. Tickets and parking passes are expected to be delivered in digital format again this year.

Volunteer positions include into four positions: a greeter, education area volunteers, counters and PWQ Ambassadors. There will be a total of 9 to 14 positions each day. There are three shifts each day of the Indiana State Fair as follows:

* 9 am to 12:30 pm: One greeter
* 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm: One greeter, one-two education area volunteers and one-two ambassadors
* 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm: One greeter, one-two education area volunteers and one-two ambassadors
* All shifts: one counter per shift

The soil health area is staffed separately and is not included in the day at pathway volunteer responsibilities.

Thank you for all you do to promote soil and water conservation and the Pathway to Water Quality exhibit. If you have any questions about the sign-up, don’t hesitate to contact Sara Peel, PWQ Coordinator at [pathwaytowaterquality@gmail.com](mailto:pathwaytowaterquality@gmail.com).