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Reporter's Notebook:

Pine Grove Furnace Park

Volunteers from throughout central Pennsylvania will gather at the park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday to observe Earth Day by helping with a variety of service projects. Park staff will work alongside volunteers to plant trees, remove unwanted plants, paint and landscape.

Volunteers interested in helping need to register by calling 486-7174 by this Thursday. Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at the park's Furnace Pavilion, site of the historic iron works furnace.

A special project this year is helping to get the Appalachian Trail Museum ready for its opening on June 5. The museum will honor the men, women and families who hike and maintain the trail. A 200-year-old grist mill at the entrance to the park is being renovated to house the museum.

Margy Schmidt of Cooke Township has been named volunteer coordinator for the museum, which will depend heavily on those willing to donate time as docents and greeters. The plan is to operate the museum from noon to 4 p.m. daily from June 5 to Labor Day and on weekends from noon to 4 p.m. from Labor Day to Oct. 31 plus Columbus Day.

Schmidt said no experience is necessary to volunteer and there will be training prior to the museum's opening. Anyone interested should contact her at atmuseumgreeters@gmail.com or 486-4083.

Information about how to support the Appalachian Trail Museum is available at www.atmuseum.org.

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