



## Join the Fun!

Discover the excitement! Volunteer on our Education team.  
Become a Lena Meijer Children's Garden PAL Partner this spring, summer or fall!



**PAL (Play Activity Leader) Partners have fun and engage with their peers, staff, and guests, while carrying out a variety of responsibilities:**

- Assist PALs with Discovery Carts and other engaging activities—among them; monitoring toy boats in the Great Lakes Garden, creating clay sculptures with real artists' tools, painting kanji characters with water, reading to guests alongside sculptures, and matching animal tracks to pelts.
- Gather materials for and monitor special presentations by artists, musicians, scientists, and story-time presenters.
- Straighten and maintain the Rock Quarry, Tree House Village, Beaver Lodge, Log Cabin and Story-Telling Hut and assorted materials.
- Work with Children's Garden staff to provide fun and memorable experiences for all guests.



### Application Process:

1. To be eligible, applicants must be at least 14 years old OR entering ninth to 12th grade in the fall.
2. Only one application is required for spring, summer and fall volunteering. Fill out the application by downloading it from our website: [MeijerGardens.org/involved/volunteer](http://MeijerGardens.org/involved/volunteer)
3. Include three letters of recommendation (teacher, volunteer or work experience) and a paragraph written by you explaining why you want to be a PAL Partner. Make sure your application is complete and turned in by the deadlines listed below.
4. After we review your complete application, you will be contacted for an interview. Interviews will take place after school. You will be notified of program acceptance via email or phone call, the same week. Accepted applicants are required to purchase a PAL Partner T-shirt (\$14).

**Spring Deadline:**  
**Sunday, February 13, 5 pm.**

**Spring:** PAL Partners volunteer two half-day weekend shifts per month for six weeks, beginning in March, and one half-day special event shift March, April, or May. Interviews will be held the week of February 13, and those accepted must attend an orientation and training.

**Summer Deadline:**  
**Monday, May 23, 5 pm.**

**Summer:** PAL Partners volunteer one half-day shift per week for 10 weeks, beginning June 13, and one half-day weekend or one Tuesday evening shift per month for June, July, and August. (Exceptions can be made for family vacations.) Interviews will be held the week of May 30, and those accepted must attend an orientation and training.

**Fall Deadline:**  
**Monday, August 8, 5 pm.**

**Fall:** PAL Partners volunteer two half-day weekend shifts per month for six weeks, beginning in September, and one half-day special event shift September, October, or November. Interviews will be held the week of August 14, and those accepted must attend an orientation and training.



Work in all 10 themed areas of the Lena Meijer Children's Garden, gain valuable experience, make new friends, fulfill school requirements, add to your resume, and have fun!



"I got to experience new things and learned to interact with other people, this is something that I would definitely recommend to others."



"Thank you for this amazing opportunity for me to gain leadership skills, learn about new things, and most of all, have fun."



"I've met wonderful people from all walks of life with different stories to tell; I also share mine and they listen."