

Tooele Valley Museum

Potential Volunteer Projects

Small Projects (one afternoon, minimal planning or expense)

Saturday Show & Tell with an object or story (can use our collection)

Plant daffodil and tulip bulbs around the park

Install permanent birdbaths in park

Install permanent bird feeders in park

Weeding/trimming trees

Clean windows and train cars

Edge along the rails to remove grass growing over them

Plant some native shrubs along the fence line

Assist with events at the park (leading activities with kids)

Painting Wood Blocks for the train set

Create Selfie Crossing Signs that look like Railroad Crossing Signs

Build a new brochure stand

Clean up behind tunnel

For tool experts – help identify/sort tools in collection

Medium Size Projects (Gold, Silver, or Eagle Award) one weekend, some fundraising, and collaboration with the parks department)

Create educational butterfly, pollinator, native plant gardens around parks

Build a Protective cover for mine mill model

Build a Protective plastic cover for Shay engine train model

Build Protective plastic cases for military uniforms

Clean the exterior house and depot according to National Park Service instructions for cleaning an historic building and in cooperation with Utah State Historic Preservation Office

Plan a community program or event at the park with educational content

Help organize a part of the collection (learn about archiving manuscripts or object curation)

Do a bird, insect, or plant survey of the park & create a handout for visitors

Do supervised history interviews, type up, prepare biographies

Contribute a teaching tool (such as a steam power demonstration, mining/smelting demonstration, Lesson Plan and Traveling Trunk, sensory adventure kit, or Family Fun Kit)

Organize a community collection for our community collections case

Build a Steam Engine simulator for children 8 and under

Build an exhibit (physical or virtual)

- Railroad communication
- Geology/Geography of Tooele County in regards to mining
- Native flora and fauna species of Tooele County
- Pick a military topic after 1850 and coordinate with a local historian/expert
- History of a Bonneville Speedway car
- Pick a topic in Tooele County history – we have LOTS of archival material at the museum

Large Projects (Corporate/Organizational Project) (requires several weeks of planning, fundraising, and collaboration with parks department)

Start a model train club for children at the park

Xeriscape around the train cars to help with preservation

Build pavilions over cars

Build a memorial gazebo

Begin an oral history project for the city coordinating with Tooele Historical Society, the Pioneer Museums, and Tooele Valley Museum

Fund and administer painting the depot by professionals according to National Park Service instructions for painting an historic building and in cooperation with Utah State Historic Preservation Office

Fund and administer painting/repair of the rail repair building by professionals according to National Park Service instructions for painting an historic building and in cooperation with Utah State Historic Preservation Office