

Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve is seeking dedicated and passionate individuals to join our Board of Directors. We are looking for candidates from diverse backgrounds and disciplines to contribute to strategic planning, fundraising, and program development and to further our mission of the hands-on study of natural sciences.

Responsibilities:

- Attend regularly scheduled board meetings (~80% virtual / 20% in-person) and participate actively in discussions
- Review and provide input on financial statements, strategic plans, and major organizational initiatives
- Serve on committees focused on building, finance, governance or development
- Actively engage with stakeholders, including donors, community partners, and staff
- Represent Penn Dixie at public events and functions as needed

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated commitment to Penn Dixie's mission and values
- Experience/interest in: fundraising, education, nonprofit leadership, business operations, research, or marketing
- Strong leadership and decision-making skills
- Excellent communication and interpersonal abilities
- Ability to contribute time and expertise to fulfill board responsibilities over a three-year term
- No previous board experience required

To Apply:

- Submit a resume and cover letter outlining your interest and qualifications to jabenn200@gmail.com
- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis

About Penn Dixie:

- Operated by Hamburg Natural History Society, Inc., Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature Reserve is a 54-acre park located on the site of a former quarry in Hamburg, NY. Our visitors can collect and keep Devonian Period fossils including trilobites, brachiopods, crinoids, and more! In addition to the study of geology and paleontology, Penn Dixie offers programming in astronomy and ecology.
- In 2011, it was ranked the #1 fossil park in the U.S. in a scientific study published through the Geological Society of America.
- In 2018, Penn Dixie claimed the Guinness World Records™ title for the World's Largest Fossil Dig. With 905 fossil hunters who participated, Penn Dixie is now the inaugural record holder for this category.
- In 2024, Penn Dixie welcomed more than 14,000 visitors and reached an additional 4700 through outreach in the local community.
- 2025 marks Penn Dixie's 30th anniversary!