



Delaware Shorebird Project 2018 Field Season



Volunteer Information Form

Name: _____
(Last) (First)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

*Participants must be at least 18 years of age to volunteer with the Shorebird Project.

I understand that photographs and videos may be taken during activities, and I give permission to DNREC to use photographs and videos in future publications, promotional materials and exhibits.

Please check if you DO NOT want DNREC to use photos or video of you.

Have you worked with us before?

- Never
- More than one day
- Several seasons
- One day
- One or more days, and I participated in a catch

Please indicate your level of experience and confidence with the following activities.

Identifying shorebirds:

- No experience
- Some, but I do not feel confident on my own
- Confident with some species, but for others need work
- Confident with most species except difficult ones such as sanderling vs. semipalmated sandpipers
- Confident with all species that will be encountered

Reading coded flags/bands:

- Have not done this
- Have done this a few times while birding
- Have done this with a group, but do not feel comfortable doing it on my own
- Have a lot of experience and confidence

Using a spotting scope:

- No experience
 - Have not used one other than to look through a friend's
 - Own a spotting scope, but have not used it much
 - Own a spotting scope and use it regularly
 - Confident using a spotting scope, but do not own one
- Make and model of spotting scope: _____

Handling/banding birds:

- Have not done this
- Have been allowed to hold a bird on occasion
- Have worked with a bander and handled birds a number of times
- Have a permit to band birds

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Considerations

Age Physical Health Mobility Dietary (if you will be staying at the Field House)

Other Please explain: _____

We have limited space for people to stay.

Do you plan to commute each day or do you need to stay overnight? _____

Would you be willing to bring a tent and sleeping bag and camp in the back yard if we do not have room in the house? _____

Could you stay in a hotel if there was not room in the house? _____

Most field sites require driving. Project vehicles are limited, as is parking.

Will you be planning to drive and have a vehicle at the house? _____

Would you be willing to use it to transport yourself and other members of the team to site locations?

Commitment

We ask that you commit to spending at least 3 full consecutive days with the project to offset training, and to gain exposure to all aspects of the work we do. We will conduct volunteer training, orientation on the dates below. If you are new to the project, we ask that you schedule your arrival before 9am on one the dates below so that you can participate in training. If you cannot arrive for a scheduled training, please let the volunteer coordinator know, and she will be able to tell you if an alternative date works.

Training dates: Friday 11 May, Tuesday 15 May, Friday 18 May, Tuesday 22 May, and Friday 25 May

I would like to arrive on: Mon |Day at 00:00 I plan to depart on: Mon |Day at 00:00

If you have worked with us before, could you let us know what jobs you feel comfortable with, understanding that we will re-orient you this season?

Estimating bird numbers on the beach

Data QA/QC

Resighting flagged birds

Weighing birds

Ratio scans

Measuring bill and head

We limit the number of new volunteers in proportion to experienced team members to ensure bird safety and so that we can provide effective training. If you have never volunteered with us before, please include a **cover letter** briefly describing your interest in volunteering with the Delaware Shorebird Project and what you hope to gain from the experience so that we know a little more about you.

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