



Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife Group Volunteer Application Form



Group/Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

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

Phone: _____ **Fax** _____ **E-mail** _____

Number of members interested in volunteering: _____

Please describe your group and its focus: _____

OBJECTIVE: _____ Educational _____ Community Service _____ Other: _____

COMMITMENT:

- Short-term Project _____ 1-2 Hours _____ ½ Day _____ 1 Day _____ Several Days
- On-going Partnership _____ Weekly _____ Monthly _____ Several times per year
_____ Entire project

GROUP CONSIDERATIONS (please check all that apply and explain)

- Age Physical Health Mobility Other

Please explain: _____

AVAILABILITY Please indicate the best day(s) and time(s) for your group

- Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat Sun **OR**
- Any Weekday Any Weekend AM Only PM Only **OR**
- Specific Date(s): _____ Specific Time(s): _____

SKILLS & INTERESTS

(If your group has specific skills or interests, or are interested in specific volunteer activities, please indicate below).

LOCATION AREA WHERE YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO VOLUNTEER (Please check all that apply)

_____ New Castle County _____ Kent County _____ Sussex County

GROUP VOLUNTEER POLICY

Please make certain you have read and agree to the following before signing.

- Group Volunteers must identify a Group Contact prior to the start of a project who will serve responsible for the safety and well-being of all group members. The group contact agrees to:
 1. Provide coordination and supervision for group while volunteering.
 2. Ensure all members adhere to Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control (DNREC) and Division of Fish & Wildlife rules, regulations, and procedures.
 3. Report to the Division of Fish and Wildlife any behavior, actions, or language inappropriate for the established activity, location, or group which may endanger the health and/or well-being of the individual, other group members, or visitors.
- Volunteer Opportunities for **youth aged 18 years and younger** are governed by applicable child labor laws. All volunteers under the age of 18 must present a Parental Consent Form. A responsible adult must accompany volunteers 15 years of age and under **at all times** during the stated period of service work, after the aforesaid individual has presented the Group Contact with a signed Parental Consent Form, which must remain on file with the Group Coordinator prior to and during the under-aged individual's period of service.
- DNREC, which includes the Division of Fish & Wildlife, accepts the service of all volunteers with the understanding that approval for such service is at the sole discretion of the Division. The Division cannot guarantee volunteer placement. The Division makes every effort to match volunteer applicants to volunteer opportunities according to the needs of the Division and the interests and availability of the volunteer(s). The Division further reserves the right to withhold any such reason(s) for refusal from the individual or group.
- Volunteers agree that the Division may at any time, for any reason, decide to terminate the volunteer's relationship with the Division. Volunteers may at any time, for any reason, decide to sever the volunteer's relationship with the Division.

Liability Waiver:

- My group understands and voluntarily assumes the risks involved in being a volunteer for the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC).
- My group releases DNREC from any liability arising out of our participation as volunteers. We hereby waive the right to file any and all claims for compensation or damages against DNREC, and any state employee or contractor for any loss or injury sustained during the course of volunteer activities.
- Volunteers are not considered employees of the State of Delaware. DNREC does not provide Worker's Compensation or any other insurance coverage for volunteers.
- My group agrees to provide service as volunteers without compensation and to adhere to DNREC rules and procedures and will not attempt work that is beyond our abilities or for which we have not been assigned, trained or authorized.
- My group understands that photographs may be taken at events and we give permission to DNREC to utilize these photographs in future publications, promotional materials and exhibits.
- I certify that I have read and understand this Waiver of Liability form and that I am signing it because my group wishes to proceed as volunteers under these terms and conditions.

I have read the above policy and understand the risks involved in being a volunteer for the Division of Fish and Wildlife, under the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control of the State of Delaware.

(Signature of Group Leader/Representative)

(Date)

Return completed form to:

Division of Fish and Wildlife, Volunteer Program
6180 Haypoint Landing Rd.
Smyrna, DE 19977

Phone: 302-735-3600

Fax: 302-653-6755

Email: lynne.pusey@state.de.us

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