



Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Naturalist Application



**VOLUNTEER
NATURALIST**

Volunteers will be provided with a solid foundation for assisting with the Refuge’s education programs. During four, half-day training sessions, volunteers will learn about natural history, wildlife observation skills, and practice techniques to successfully work with youth and the public. Both experienced volunteers and enthusiastic novices are encouraged to apply.

Thank you for your interest. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Name

Address

City **State** **Zip**

Email **Phone**

Please answer the following questions. Attach additional pages if necessary.

1.) Briefly, tell us about yourself as it pertains to the volunteer position. For example, are you interested in environmental education? Do you have experience working with kids? Want to get more involved and learn about the Refuge? Do you like working with the public? Why are you interested in becoming a volunteer naturalist?

2.) Volunteer duty times will be scheduled in advance and will require that volunteers are able to donate their time during school hours as well as occasional weekend days.

Generally, will you be available at these times? _____

Note: Volunteers will be primarily working outdoors, sometimes in inclement weather.

3.) In exchange for 20 hours of naturalist training provided by the Refuge, volunteers will be required to donate 20 hours of service towards the Refuge's education programs within the year following the training. Are you able to make this commitment of training and service? _____ If not, are you interested in other education and recreation program volunteer opportunities at the Refuge? _____

4.) Please provide up to three personal or professional references who can speak to your qualifications to serve as a volunteer. Include names and contact information.

	Name	Phone
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____

RESOURCE SURVEY

To use your experience best, please use these letters to mark the following to the left of the description

- P = Professional background and experience
- A = extensive Amateur experience
- S = Significant experience
- M = Minor experience
- I = Interest but no experience (yet)
- X = would like to avoid this type of experience

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_____ Bird identification _____

_____ Non bird wildlife identification _____

_____ Native plant identification _____

_____ Answering public questions about wildlife and plants..... _____

_____ Working with school age children _____

_____ Greeting and working with the general public..... _____

_____ Volunteering at a refuge, museum, or similar site _____

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Now, please use these letters on the lines on the right to indicate how recent your experience in these areas is.

- Current or within the last year = C
- Recent (within the last 5 years) = R
- Past (more than 5 years ago) = P
- None = N

Applications are due by September 10, 2008 and final 20 participants will be notified two weeks before the trainings if not sooner. Further logistic details will be made available upon confirmation of registration. Please return this application electronically or by mail to:

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