



# United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge  
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Dear Prospective Volunteer,

Thank you for interest in our volunteer program. We are proud of our volunteers and the work that they accomplish. With the outstanding help of our volunteers, Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge has achieved recognition as one of the premier wildlife refuges on the East Coast.

Situated along the marshes of the western Delaware Bay, Prime Hook protects more than 10,000 acres of valuable habitat for wildlife of all kinds. The refuge was established in 1963 under the Migratory Bird Conservation Act "for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds." Today, the refuge hosts thousands of ducks, geese, and shorebirds each year, and provides habitat for other species like the endangered Delmarva Peninsula fox squirrel and threatened bald eagle.

Volunteers play a vital role in helping the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service fulfill its mission of conserving, protecting and enhancing America's fish and wildlife and their habitats. Our volunteers are integrated into our programs and projects to work side-by-side with our employees to achieve this mission. Each year, Prime Hook volunteers donate thousands of hours in our biological, maintenance, and public use programs.

Please complete all sections of the volunteer application and drop off or return by mail to the refuge office as soon as possible. Be sure to give particular attention to the sections regarding your volunteer/work experience, education, and interests. We receive many applications and this information will help us select the right volunteer for the right job.

One to two weeks after receipt of your application, you will be contacted to set up an interview. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the refuge or our volunteer program, please call the refuge office at (302) 684-8419.

If we have a volunteer opportunity for you, we know you will enjoy our extraordinary Prime Hook where nearly 100,000 visitors, and even higher numbers of avian guests, seek refuge.

Thank you again for your interest in Prime Hook and the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Sincerely,

William J. Jones  
Outdoor Recreation Planner