



River Bend

NATURE CENTER

Volunteer Interest Form, Application & Photo/Liability Release

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with River Bend Nature Center. By providing the following information, we can find the volunteer opportunities that best meet your needs and requirements.

Please note this application must be filled out in its entirety and submitted for approval at a minimum of one week prior to beginning volunteer service for River Bend Nature Center. Following approval, you will be contacted to attend a volunteer orientation. All volunteers who have submitted an approved application, passed the required background check (for Volunteer Naturalists, Building Hosts, and Docents), and attended the introductory orientation will be contacted by the specific coordinators of their areas of interest for the remainder of the required training.

Contact Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Organization Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ (☐ Primary?)

Work Phone: _____ (☐ Primary?)

Cell Phone: _____ (☐ Primary?)

Email Address: _____

[The above contact information will be used to communicate training dates and upcoming opportunities/volunteer-only events. You may opt-out at any time.]

Office-Use Only:

Entered into Neon: _____

Contacted: _____

Background Check: _____

*Helping people discover, enjoy,
understand, and preserve the incredible
natural world that surrounds us.*

Applicant Information

Date of birth (if under 18 years of age): _____

Age: _____

Are you an RBNC Member? Yes/No

How did you hear about volunteering at River Bend Nature Center?

What would you like to gain from volunteering at River Bend?

What is your current employment status?

☐ Employed – Current work place/occupation? _____

☐ Student – Where/current grade level? _____

☐ Retired – Past employer? _____

Emergency Information

Contact #1

Relationship: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact #2

Relationship: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Volunteer Skills and Interests at River Bend:

Skills/Past trainings:

Animal Care	Early Childhood Education	Natural History
Art	Event Planning	Photography
Clerical/Mailing/Data Entry	Exotic Species Management	Public Speaking/Theater
Conservation Science	Graphic/Web Design	Teaching/Education
Construction/woodworking	Interpretation	Veterinary Science
Customer Service	Land Management	Other, _____

Interests at RBNC:

<u>Interpretive Center</u>	<u>Education/Natural History</u>	<u>Grounds/Seasonal:</u>
Animal Care	Youth summer camp assistant	Land & Trail Management
Building Host	Volunteer Naturalist	Adopt-a-Trail
Administrative Support	Exhibit Room Docent	Maple Syruping
Cleaning/upkeep	Trail Docent	Cross Country Ski Groomer
Special Events	Citizen Science	River Bend Mowers

Other? Please list, _____

Interested in a short-term opportunity? (<40 hours)

Groups, schools, scout projects, required service hours, etc

River Bend has been the site of many amazing group and individual projects. If you or your group are looking for service hours we will work with you to create an opportunity based on your time, talent, and group size.

Description of your group/organization: _____

Description of desired project, if any _____

Total Hours required/estimated hours needed: _____

What date, if any, do these hours need to be completed by: _____

Special Events

River Bend holds several special events each year with many opportunities for volunteers. Events include Bats, Bones and Bonfires, WinterFest, Maple Syrup Fun Run, and Pancake Brunch, Maple Syrup Open House and more! Volunteers are utilized for planning, set up, food preparation, selling tickets, parking, leading walks/activities, etc.

Please describe your interest (list events/desired role): _____

☐ Please check this box if you are **not** interested in continuing service with River Bend beyond your estimated/required number of hours. If checked, you will **not** be contacted with further opportunities.

Volunteer Availability

Please check all that apply

Day	Morning (8:00-11:00)	Afternoon (12:00-2:00)	Evening (3:00-4:30)
Saturday			
Sunday			
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			

Do you have any physical/medical conditions that should be considered in arranging volunteer assignments (i.e. allergies)?

Have you ever been convicted for violation of a federal, state, country or municipal law, regulation or ordinance? If yes, please explain.

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal. By signing your name, you are agreeing to these terms.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Name: _____ Date: _____

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in River Bend Nature Center activities, I, the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in these programs is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and
2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and
3. I acknowledge and consent to the use of video recordings and photographs of my participation in promotional activities conducted by River Bend Nature Center; and
4. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and
5. I understand that if I choose to drive my own vehicle or be a passenger in a non-RBNC vehicle while traveling to and/or from a River Bend Nature Center event or activity, River Bend Nature Center automobile liability insurance coverage will not apply; and
6. I understand, agree and acknowledge that some activities may be of a hazardous nature and/or include physical and/or strenuous activity. Understanding this, I state that I have no medical condition or impairment, including the use of medication that might inhibit my active participation in River Bend Nature Center's Programs.
7. I understand, agree, and acknowledge that some programs will be traveling off-site on some occasions in a 15 passenger van.
8. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the Board of Directors of River Bend Nature Center and its programs, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event or activity ("Releases") with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, to the fullest extent permitted by law; and

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Parents of Minors: I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor and I am signing this release on behalf of the minor.

Print Child's Name _____