



Blue Ridge Wildlife Center Volunteer Application

Thank you for choosing to volunteer with the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center!

The Center relies on a variety of volunteers to help care for our wildlife patients. All volunteer positions are important!

Below is our volunteer application that we require all prospective volunteers to fill out. You can e-mail the completed form to info@blueridgewildlifectr.org or mail a hard copy to us. Once we have received this application, you will be notified of its receipt and alerted if there are any available volunteer openings. Our volunteer positions are first-come, first-serve, so you may be wait-listed until a position becomes available.

Please check or highlight any of the following areas where you are interested in helping:

Wildlife Rehabilitation:

- We ask that you be able to commit to at least one year of volunteering.
- Must be at least 18 years old.
- This position is physically demanding; must be able to lift 40lbs and be physically fit; able to work in Virginia's weather conditions, walk up and down stairs, and be comfortable working outdoors.
- Each volunteer starts by learning the basics: laundry, dishes, cleaning, etc. For safety and health reasons, volunteers must show commitment and attention to detail, as well as have a state permit in hand, before they are able to be trained on handling wildlife patients.
- Proof of Rabies Vaccination is required to work with any Rabies Vector Species (Raccoons, Foxes, Skunks, Groundhogs, Bats)

Docent/Outreach: For on-site Education Areas & Off-site Education events (Docent start dates are TBD until Wildlife Walk is finished construction)

- The Wildlife Walk and Ronald M. Bradley Learning Center will be manned during open hours (TBD) for the safety of our Wildlife Ambassadors and visitors. Present to answer questions about the Center, rehab, and native Virginia wildlife.
- Attend education programs on-site or off-site to speak with the public, and help staff with set-up & administration of programs.
- Learn to handle some of our Wildlife Ambassadors.
- Keep education areas clean and tidy for visitors.
- During low-visitation hours, you may be expected to help with paperwork, general cleaning, or planning additional education experiences.



Administration

- Data entry
- Greeting people
- Admission paperwork
- Answering Phones

Transporting Contained Wildlife

- You will go onto our list of transporters for your local city. If an animal in an area needs help being transported to our facility, we have a list of transporter volunteers listed for that area that we will call to see who may be available. You are never obligated to transport an animal, it is at your convenience. If unavailable, we will continue calling down the list.
- Must be at least 18 years old and have reliable transportation.
- Advanced training could lead to rescuing and transporting wildlife not already contained if interested.
- Please note in your application where you are willing to transport from, any animals you will NOT transport, days/times you're most often available for transport, etc.

Special Projects

- Cage building
- Cleaning/Organizing
- Events/Fundraising

Name:

Phone Number: (Cell)

Address:

(Home)

E-mail:

Date:

Date of Birth:

Sex:

Education:

Relevant Experience/Skills:



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Days Available to Volunteer:

Please choose either AM, PM, or full-day shift if you have a preference, or both AM/PM if you don't have a preference:

- AM shifts are from 8 – 1pm Spring/Summer, 9 – 1pm in the Fall/Winter.
- PM shifts are 1pm – 6pm Spring/Summer, 1pm – 5pm Fall/Winter.
- Full-day

Are you able to commit to a volunteering position for at least one year?

Are you rabies vaccinated?

If interested in being a **transporter**, please list the distance you'd be willing to travel outside of your home address to pick up wildlife, or please let us know what cities you frequent often so that we may call you for those areas as well:

Please also list any particular restrictions to transporting you may have (i.e. no skunks or snakes, unavailable after or before certain times or on certain days, no driving in inclement weather, etc.):

Any additional comments you'd like to add: