



## Vermont Institute of Natural Science

### VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about the volunteer program at VINS? \_\_\_\_\_

#### INTERESTS

***Prioritize with numbers, which volunteer positions are interesting to you, with number 1 being the most interesting.***

\_\_\_\_\_ Bird Rehabilitation and Animal Care – assist with the cleaning and feeding of our animal collection. Requires training and a minimum commitment of 4 hours a week.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bird Rescue and Transportation – assist Wildlife Services staff with field rescue and transportation of injured, ill and orphaned wild birds found by members of the public throughout the state of Vermont. Required training is provided.

\_\_\_\_\_ Baby Bird Feeding – assist Wildlife Services staff with taking care of injured, ill or orphaned wild baby birds including: feeding, monitoring progress and providing a clean, healthy and safe environment. Required training is provided.

\_\_\_\_\_ Nature Center Docent – are a welcoming and informative presence for visitors. Docents are trained to interpret our raptor exhibits and trails using educational props and live animals. Docents are most active May through October. Training and a commitment of 40 hours a year is required.

\_\_\_\_\_ Guest Services - greet and orient visitors to the VINS Nature Center which includes introducing events, programs and suggesting the benefits of membership and the adopt a raptor program.

\_\_\_\_\_ Office Support – volunteers help communicate with the public by assisting with mailings, copying, filing, and data entry.

\_\_\_\_\_ Gardening/Land stewardship – assist in maintaining the various gardens around the VINS Nature Center. Assignments include gardening, weeding, turning compost, operating light machinery, and moving garden supplies.

\_\_\_\_\_ Maintenance/Grounds - assist in maintaining an attractive, healthy, and safe environment for our visitors. Duties may include mowing, weeding, trash removal and painting

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Events - volunteers assist with many of the special events held throughout the year including Clean-Up Day, Wine and Cheese Festival, and Halloween Hoot and Howl. Volunteer activities may include planning, registration, games and crafts supervision, set-up and clean-up, and food preparation and service.

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Skills (Please list) \_\_\_\_\_

## AVAILABILITY

How long can you commit to volunteering at VINS? (circle) 1 Month 2 Months 6 Months 1 Year

When are you available? (circle) Year-Round Summer Only Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How many days a week are you available? \_\_\_\_\_ What days and times are you available? (fill in below)

	EXAMPLE	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
MORNING	9:00 am 12:00 pm							
AFTERNOON	1:00 pm 4:00 pm							

## TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Are you a member of VINS? (circle) YES NO

Please summarize your education, employment and volunteer experience (or attach a resume). \_\_\_\_\_

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Why would you like to become a VINS Volunteer and what would you like to accomplish or gain from your volunteer experience? \_\_\_\_\_

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What hobbies and special skills would you be willing to share? (e.g. computer, foreign language, music, art, baking, sewing) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list the name and telephone number or email of a professional reference we may contact:

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### Return to:

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VINS' mission is to motivate individuals and communities to care for the environment through education, research, and avian wildlife rehabilitation.