



Vermont Institute of Natural Science

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Date: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile _____ Work: _____

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 Center for Wild Bird Rehabilitation 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 Center for Wild Bird Rehabilitation 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 in April and ongoing throughout the season. (May to August commitment of 4 hours/week on a consistent schedule). This program is open to youth ages 10 and up with a mentor attending each shift. Applications are required in the winter season to be included in this program – it fills fast!

_____ Nature Center Docent – are a welcoming and informative presence for visitors. Docents are trained to interpret our Forest Canopy Walk, raptor exhibits and trails using educational props. After a year of service you may also be trained to work with 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.

_____ Maintenance/Grounds – assist in maintaining an attractive, healthy, and safe environment for our visitors. Duties may include mowing, operating light machinery, weeding, trash removal and painting

_____ Special Events – volunteers assist with many of the special events held throughout the year. 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). _____

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

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

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

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.