



Volunteer Application

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Contact Information

Please complete all fields as they are necessary for background checks. Not doing so, will result in the delay or dismissal of your volunteer application.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone:_(_____)_____ Cell Phone:_(_____)_____

Email Address: _____ Date of Birth:_____/_____/_____

Race: Caucasian African American Latinx Asian Other:_____

Gender: Male Female Non-binary

We recognize that the name and gender stated on a legal document may not be fully reflective of our volunteer applicant's identities. If this is the case for you, please consider sharing the name and pronouns you use with us so that we may address you as you wish.

Emergency Contact & Medical Information

Please complete all fields as they are necessary to provide a safe environment to our volunteers and someone to contact in the case of an emergency. Put "N/A" if you have nothing to disclose in the Medical Condition or Allergies fields.

Full Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone:_(_____)_____

Medical Conditions: _____ Allergies: _____

The following describe me:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Loves working with kids | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Know-It-All | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Lover |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed & meticulous | <input type="checkbox"/> People Person | <input type="checkbox"/> Problem-Solver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tech Guru | <input type="checkbox"/> Reliable & Committed | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life-long Learner | <input type="checkbox"/> Skilled Tradesperson | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:_____ |

Interests

Tell us which areas of Blandford Nature Center you are interested in volunteering in (1 = 1st choice, 2 = 2nd choice, etc.).
For more information on volunteering in any of these areas, please go to www.blandfordnaturecenter.org/volunteer

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Buildings/Interpretation | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events & Community Programs * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blacksmith | <input type="checkbox"/> Internship: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Sugarbush Operator * |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camp Aide * | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Stewardship/Eco-Stewardship | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highlands Restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance & Grounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm/Gardening * | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Engagement | |

* Denotes a seasonal volunteer opportunity

Employment Information

At times Blandford will apply for grants, donations, or funding from corporations that encourage volunteer service for their employees. Your information will help us in receiving grants and sponsorships from corporations that want to align their giving with their employees' interests.

Employed at _____

Unemployed

Retired from _____

Student at _____

Previous Volunteer Experience & Reason for Applying

Summarize any previous volunteer experience as well as your reason for applying to become a BNC volunteer.

Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth 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.

Signature: _____

Full Name (printed): _____ Date: ____/____/____

Volunteer & Background Check Consent Form

Blandford Nature Center is committed to provide a safe and child friendly environment to all who visit. As a prospective volunteer, we ask you to support this commitment as well by completing the questions below. I authorize Blandford Nature Center to conduct a criminal history and/or driving record check using the information I have furnished.

Have you ever been **convicted** of a crime (felony or misdemeanor)?

Yes

No

If yes, please state the crime, when and where convicted, and disposition of the case:

By signing below, I understand that volunteering at Blandford Nature Center has risks associated with it affected by the weather, work environment, equipment, and interactions with people. I release Blandford Nature Center and its staff from responsibility and liability for any loss of property or injury to my person while volunteering. Additionally, I authorized Blandford Nature Center and its assignees to use any photograph, picture, likeness of myself in promotional materials.

Signature: _____

Legal Full Name (printed): _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

If you are under the age of 18, a parent/guardian signature is required. By signing, the parent/guardian is granting permission for their child to volunteer at Blandford Nature Center in agreement to liability/photo waiver statement above.

Parent Signature: _____

The policy of the Blandford Nature Center is to ensure that diversity, inclusiveness, and respect are integral parts of our day-to-day management and work. Blandford staff, board, and volunteers commit to ensure equal access to Blandford and all of its educational opportunities by all people.

In essence, diversity includes all the characteristics, experiences, and cultural influences that make each of us unique individuals. All individuals are welcome at Blandford Nature Center, and all individuals, regardless of race, color, age, national origin, sex (including transgender status, gender identity, and pregnancy), religion, disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, marital status, political affiliation, status as a parent, will be treated with respect and dignity. By fostering an atmosphere of inclusion and respect, we can continue to value and appreciate the strengths afforded by differences in the styles, ideas, and organizational contributions of each person. We all share the responsibility to ensure diversity and inclusion throughout Blandford, and seek to recruit, engage, and retain a leadership composed of volunteers and staff that equitably and fairly represent our constituency.

Thank you for completing this application form and for your interest in volunteering with us!