

Education Sign Up Form

**I'm Interested In Becoming An Education
Volunteer!**

Name (print) _____ Today's date _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

How long have you volunteered for Liberty Wildlife?

What experience do you have with Liberty Wildlife?

Describe any related experience.

List other relevant work experience.

What day and times would you be available to do education programs?

Why do you want to volunteer in the Education Department?

What do you hope to get out of volunteering in this area?

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I read and understood the other side of this form yes no

Return this form by putting it through the slot to the left of the office door. You will be contacted by Linda Scott (Education Coordinator) by Sept. 17th

Becoming an Education Volunteer

Training begins Wed. night, September 24th at Liberty – 6:15 p.m.

Becoming an education volunteer requires considerable time and dedication. The classroom work (6 weekly 2-hour-sessions) that you complete is only the beginning of what can be a very rewarding experience. In addition to this initial 12-hours of training sessions, you will spend an additional session learning the proper procedures for handling the education birds.

Once your handling session is completed, you will begin the “sign off” process for each of the education animals. Being “signed off” on one of the education birds means you are ready to take that particular bird to a program.

You will also need to purchase gloves. Ave. cost for 1 pair for large birds and 1 pair for small birds is approximately \$100 - \$120. Do not purchase prior to starting class.

In order to create and maintain our level of quality and safety, new education group volunteers are required to complete the following:

- Wednesday night education training classes (all of them—can only make up one class)
- Accompanying experienced volunteers to programs to observe
- Handling class (to be scheduled after classes begin)
- Practice time with each bird prior to being “signed off” to take that bird to programs:
 - Minimum of seven separate practice sessions with each bird
- Minimum of two programs monthly once you are “signed off” on at least one bird.

Qualifications

- You must have been working in another area of Liberty Wildlife a minimum of 6 months. 1 year is preferable. Sometimes applicable prior experience with a similar facility is acceptable if you haven’t been at liberty 6 months.
- You must have time to be able to attend training classes, complete practice time with birds, and apply what you learn to participate in programs.
- You must be able to be comfortable with public speaking.
- You should be sure your tetanus vaccine is current before handling birds.

Tasks

- You must be able to attend the Education training classes and spend time practicing with the birds.
- You must be able to attend most of the monthly education meetings.
- You must be able to go out to a minimum of two programs per month, once qualified, presenting and assisting with the travel to and from the presentation.
- You need to be able to commit the appropriate time to work with each animal on every level before being signed off to work with that animal on your own.

Taking our education animals out to the public, teaching people about the animals and their importance, and seeing the impact of our conservation message is incredibly rewarding!