

Education Sign Up Form - PLEASE READ PAGE 2 BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION

# 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?

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I read and understood page 2 of this form  yes  no

**Return this form by emailing it to Linda Scott at [LScottA2@aol.com](mailto:LScottA2@aol.com). Applications need to be received by January 1, 2020 at the latest. If you do not have access to a home computer to fill out the form and email it, you can return it at Liberty Wildlife by putting it in Linda Scott's mailbox (to the right of the scanner in the volunteer entrance). You will be contacted by Linda Scott (Education Coordinator) by Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> at the latest (those submitting close to the deadline). The first class is Jan 8<sup>th</sup>.**

# Becoming an Education Volunteer

**Training begins Wed. night January 8th at Liberty – 6:15 p.m. Class is every Wed. eve for 5 weeks. Last class will be Feb. 5th.**

Becoming an education volunteer requires considerable time and dedication. The reason to join the education group is to engage and interpret to the public! Yes, you learn to handle the birds, but you have to want to be an engaging and interesting speaker. The classroom work (5 weekly 2-hour-sessions) that you complete is only the beginning of what can be a very rewarding experience. In addition to this initial ten (10)-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 present that particular bird at 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 miss one class**)
- Accompanying experienced volunteers to programs to observe (can be done on-site)
- 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 for **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 an interesting and engaging public speaker.
- 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 before being signed off to work with that animal on your own. At least 1 x weekly.