

Preserve Name & Locations (City, County) or Event Name:

Date of Volunteer Activities:

The Nature Conservancy Staff Representative: Megan Pistolese

Description of Volunteer Stewardship Activities: Volunteer activities may cover a wide variety tasks, including conducting trail maintenance and general infrastructure repairs, boundary posting, managing vegetation, participating in or leading volunteer workdays, conducting research activities, and engaging in educations programing. Some specific tasks, including trail maintenance and construction, installation of signage or other interpretive materials, brush and/or invasive species clearing, removal of downed trees and other material from trails and parking areas, construction of fencing, mowing/brush cutting, and other similar activities may be physically strenuous and require the use of power tools, including electric saws, chain saws, gas trimmers/brush cutters, mowers and other equipment. Tasks may involve working alone or in small groups, and working in remote parts of the preserve and/or on steep, rugged terrain.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY - STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES FOR THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

In consideration of my participation as a volunteer member of a work crew of The Nature Conservancy ("Conservancy") performing stewardship activities, I agree as follows:

1. I will conduct all work in accordance with guidance and instructions provided by The Nature Conservancy staff representative.
2. I understand the proper operation of the equipment I am to use. I understand that my participation in this work may involve sustained strenuous physical activity. I agree that I will only use power tools and equipment (e.g. chainsaws, mowers) with which I am familiar and experienced operating. I understand and will follow all applicable safety precautions for this equipment and will use all appropriate personal protective equipment (e.g. chainsaw chaps, eye/hearing/head protection, cut resistant boots).
3. I am in good health and I am aware of no physical problem or condition which will limit or interfere with my ability to participate as a member of the crew under either predicted or emergency conditions. I also understand that medical attention may not be readily available.
4. I understand that the stewardship activities may involve dangerous activities or situations. I agree that I am participating on the crew at my own risk, and acknowledge that the Conservancy has made no warranty or representation, express or implied, regarding the safety of conducting this work for the Conservancy.
5. I understand that I am not an employee of the Conservancy and that I will receive no compensation or other employment-related benefits from the Conservancy.
6. On behalf of myself, my heirs, successors and assigns, I hereby forever release, indemnify and hold the Conservancy, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs and expenses arising from or in any way related to, my service as a volunteer. I intend this release to be effective, regardless of whether the claim of liability is asserted in negligence, strict liability in tort, or other theory of recovery.
7. As a volunteer for the Conservancy, I acknowledge that I may have access to confidential and privileged information and materials obtained through my affiliation with the Conservancy. I shall not share any such information or materials with anyone within or outside the organization not intended to receive them. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - Specific location of "closed" preserves, which might lead to unauthorized visits;
 - Specific location of rare plants or animals, which might lead to unauthorized collecting;
 - Information about conservation planning priorities.

8. I grant the Conservancy permission to take photographs and video recordings of me and to display, publish or otherwise use any photographs, video recording, or any other media associated with the stewardship activities, including any media which contains my image or likeness, for the Conservancy's purposes. I also consent to the use of my name in connection with such images. I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Conservancy and its officers, directors, agents and employees from any and all claims which may result at any time by reason of the use of my image and name, including, without limitation, claims of privacy. My heirs, executors, administrators and assigns shall be bound by this consent and release.
9. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have thoroughly read and understand this form and that the statements I have made in it are all true, and that I am at least 18 years of age or, if I am not 18 years of age, the signature and consent of my parent or legal guardian is included below.

Please note: The Conservancy provides secondary insurance coverage to **supplement** your own health insurance in the event of injury. If you would like more information about our policy, please ask for a pamphlet.

Volunteer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Volunteer's Printed Name: _____

Acknowledgment by The Nature Conservancy Staff Representative

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have thoroughly reviewed this form with the volunteer named above.

Signature of The Nature Conservancy Staff Representative Date: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT FOR PARTICIPATION BY MINORS

I am the parent or legal guardian of _____ who has my permission to participate in the volunteer stewardship activities described above. I make all of the representations and agree to all of the terms specified above with respect to my child's or ward's participation in these activities.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Please list two people who can be contacted if you are involved in a medical or other emergency

Name Phone Number

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