



Volunteer Position Descriptions 2019 TRANSPORTER TEAM

TRANSPORT VOLUNTEER

Purpose

The purpose of the transport team is to give injured, sick, and orphaned native wild birds a chance of survival by providing safe transport to Tri-State's licensed rehabilitation facility in Newark, DE, and to provide a service to caring members of the community who are unable to transport birds on their own. Transport volunteers are expected to represent Tri-State in a pleasant, positive, and professional manner on every transport assignment.

There are various volunteer roles on the transport team. Two are described below in order of increasing levels of training and experience required. *Tri-State provides the required knowledge and training for each of these roles.*

Driver Only (Level 1)

- Pick up already-crated adult birds and drive them to Tri-State as quickly and safely as possible. No handling or care is required.
- Be able to follow directions and Tri-State protocols as outlined in the Transporter Manual and training
- Provide safe and stress-free transportation – no radio, smoking, loud noises, dogs, or other possible stressors
- Participate in a 'relay' team with other transporters if necessary

Retriever (Level 2)

- In addition to the above responsibilities, apply species-specific information to capture and contain birds in a safe and appropriate manner
- Select and effectively utilize appropriate equipment

This Opportunity is Available to People Who:

- Would like to help give the maximum number of native wild birds the opportunity to be rehabilitated and ultimately released.
- Would like to help the native wild birds within a designated area of their choosing.
- Are knowledgeable about Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research and its mission.
- Have a valid driver's license, insurance, and reliable transportation.
- Are willing to donate drive time, gas, and occasionally tolls.
- Are willing to be 'on call' and able to adjust their plans on days they indicate availability.
- Like to take (long) scenic drives.

Time Contribution

- Volunteers are expected to commit to a minimum of one year of service
- Volunteers are expected to assist with at least 2 transports per month, as needed
- All volunteers must complete a New Volunteer Orientation



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Volunteer Benefits

- Experience caring for wild, native birds as part of a professional team
- Reward of giving a wild, native bird a second chance at life in the wild
- Opportunity to meet and interact with people with similar interests; make new friends and contacts
- Opportunity to travel across the tristate area