



Volunteer Position Descriptions REHABILITATIVE CARE TEAM

REHABILITATION VOLUNTEER

Purpose:

To assist in the rehabilitation of injured, diseased (or sick), and orphaned native wild birds with the goal of releasing them back to the wild. As a volunteer, you will assist Clinic staff in providing each bird with proper nutrition, a safe and enriching habitat, and a clean environment. This role focuses on patients housed primarily in outdoor enclosures and/or the lower level of the Frink Center. Volunteers will be required to follow all Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research (TSBRR) safety protocols and procedures.

Please note that onsite and/or in-person volunteer opportunities require proof of Covid19 vaccination.

This Opportunity is Available to People Who:

- Are at least 18 years of age
- Are available an average of 12 hours or more a month; serving a minimum of one 3-hour shift a week is preferred
- Are able to maintain high accuracy and thoroughness when executing tasks
- Are flexible and willing to do whatever is needed during their shift to contribute to the rehabilitation of wild birds
- Enjoy being part of a team but can also complete tasks alone with minimal supervision
- Are self-sufficient and can complete tasks individually with great attention to detail

Examples of Tasks Performed by the Rehabilitation Volunteer:

- Complete tasks associated with the care of patients housed outdoors, in the paddock area, and/or the lower level of the Frink Center
- Help set up species-appropriate and enriching habitats
- Help with food preparation, working out of the lower level kitchen. This may include working with various fruits, vegetables, invertebrates, fish, rodents, and other meat sources for different species.
- Help complete daily care sheets and record observations of bird behavior
- Complete daily care of in-house mouse colony, including feeding, cleaning, and providing enrichment
- Help maintain the cleanliness of patient enclosures and assigned areas which may include sweeping, mopping, washing dishes, doing laundry, cage and perch cleaning, and special projects as needed
- Help with restocking supplies
- The tasks vary with each shift, so willingness to do all the above is important



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Time Contribution

- Volunteers are expected to commit to a minimum of one year of service
- Volunteers are expected to donate at least 12 hours of service per month (four 3-hour shifts)
- New Rehabilitation Volunteers will train for a minimum of three 3-hour shifts. After initial training is successfully completed, volunteers may schedule their own shifts.
- Volunteers must sign a release form, volunteer agreement, and provide emergency contact information.
- All volunteers must complete a New Volunteer Orientation before training in their selected area.

Volunteer Benefits

- Experience caring for wild birds in a wildlife rehabilitation setting
- Reward of giving wild, native birds a second chance at life
- Meet new people and make connections with individuals who care about local wildlife.
- Stay active and engaged in the community
- Contribute to the daily care of wild bird patients

To Apply

- For an application, please email volunteer@tristatebird.org
- Application windows are: January 1 to January 31, with training in February AND September 1 – September 30, with training in October.