



Volunteer Position Descriptions 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. Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research responds to calls from Delaware, southeastern to central Pennsylvania, and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

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)

Must complete Level 1 Training first

- 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

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

This Opportunity is Available to People Who:

- Have a valid driver's license, insurance, and reliable transportation.
- 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.
- 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.



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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 and/or other trainings as required

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 tri-state area of Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania

To Apply

- For an application, please email volunteer@tristatebird.org
- Application windows are as follows:

Level 1: applications for this role are accepted year round; training offered quarterly.

Level 1 Volunteer training: January, May, August, and November.
*Additional dates may be offered depending on interest and availability.

Level 2 Application window #1: February 1 – February 28

Level 2 Volunteer training #1: March

Level 2 Application window #2: October 1 – October 31

Level 2 Volunteer training #2: November