



Virginia Master Naturalist Program
Volunteer Information and Application Form
Old Rag Chapter —www.oldragmasternaturalists.org



Paper Version

Mail to:
Old Rag Master Naturalists
General Delivery
Syria, VA 22743

Must be received by February 11, 2012

Please see the Chapter website for the *preferred* Electronic Version that can be e-mailed to pat.wilczek@comcast.net.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION *(Please print or type)*

Name:

Address:

County or Independent City of Residence:

Phone (please indicate which phone number is preferred):
 Home: ()
 Mobile: ()
 Business: ()

E-Mail Address:

Emergency Contact

Name: Phone (Day): ()
(Cell or Mobile): () (Evening): ()

B. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION *(Optional: for record keeping purposes only)*

Gender: Female Male

Race (Check one):
White African American American Indian Hispanic Asian Multi-Racial

Date of Birth:

Occupation:

C. EDUCATION, INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE

Highest educational level completed:

Areas of study:

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REFERENCES (particularly those who know you through volunteerism or academia)

Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Phone (Day): () (Night): ()
Address: _____

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D. DRIVING INFORMATION (If you are accepted into the program, a DMV check may be performed.)
Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes No If yes, issued in what state?
Do you have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL)? Yes No
Do you currently have the minimum vehicle insurance coverage as required by Virginia? Yes No

E. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 1: (This information will be kept in a confidential manner and accessible only to authorized personnel. A "yes" answer does not automatically exclude you from becoming a registered volunteer.)

Have you ever had any criminal convictions related to:

1. alcohol or drug abuse? Yes No
2. child abuse or neglect? Yes No
3. spousal abuse? Yes No
4. elder abuse or neglect? Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of any violation(s) of law? Yes No

If volunteering for a position that requires the operation of a vehicle, have you been convicted of any moving traffic violations within the last 5 years? Yes No

If yes to any of the above, please describe:

I understand that record, criminal background, or reference checks may be conducted on me at any time during the application process or during volunteer service for the Virginia Master Naturalist Program.

Signature of Volunteer

Date

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Section 2. **Please answer the following questions regarding your interests and experience in volunteer projects. You may use additional space as necessary.** (Please note that Master Naturalists are required to complete 40 hours of volunteer service within 18 months upon completion of training and engage in at least 8 hours of advanced training annually and forty hours of volunteer service annually).

Describe any volunteer work you have done in the areas of:

a) naturalist or other kinds of educational outreach (for example, talking to school groups, serving as a guide, answering questions)

b) environmental stewardship (for example, habitat restoration, stream clean-up)

c) citizen science (for example, stream monitoring, wildlife counts)

Which of the above kinds of volunteer work are you most interested in doing?

In which volunteer activity(ies) have you donated the greatest amount of time? (Please include years of involvement and frequency of participation, e.g., weekly, monthly, annually.)

In what volunteer activities have you recently participated? Were they job related?

When are you available to volunteer:

Seasons of the year:

Day(s) of the week:

Time(s) of day:

Are you available for daytime volunteer work or field trips? Yes No

Are you able to attend evening training? Yes No

Are you available to attend Saturday field trips or volunteer projects? Yes No

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F. VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT

- I understand that I am a volunteer for the Virginia Master Naturalist Program and will receive no financial compensation or benefits for assistance rendered in any capacity.
- I agree to abide by all policies and procedures of the Virginia Master Naturalist Program and its sponsoring agencies and I commit to completing 40 hrs. of volunteer work.
- I understand that I am responsible for my personal injuries and illness while participating in this program and that I will hold the program and all joint sponsoring agencies harmless. I understand that my chapter advisor may file a claim for my injuries with the Virginia Division of Risk Management. If accepted, I understand that I or my insurance company may be fully or partially reimbursed. I understand that a claim filed with the Virginia Division of Risk Management does not guarantee acceptance or reimbursement.
- I understand that the Virginia Master Naturalist Program is open to all, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status.

Signature of Volunteer	Date

Signature of Chapter Advisor	Date

G. MEDIA RELEASE

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Signature of Volunteer	Date

(If you complete this form electronically, original signatures will be required with your acceptance into the Master Naturalist Program.)

Notification of Acceptance. Volunteers accepted into the program will be notified by **February 18, 2012**.

Tuition and Fees. Tuition for the Virginia Master Naturalist Training class is **\$125.00**.

Payment Due Date. Tuition will be due by the date of the **first class, March 13, 2012**

The Virginia Master Naturalist Program is sponsored jointly by the Virginia Cooperative Extension, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Virginia Department of Forestry, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, and the Virginia Museum of Natural History.