Virginia Master Naturalist Program

Volunteer Information and Enrollment Form

**Old Rag Master Naturalists provide education, outreach and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources. As a knowledgeable corps of volunteers and citizen scientists we can add depth and breadth to the conservation of Virginia’s natural environments.**

**Complete and mail to ORMN c/o Roberta Jalbert 481 Malvern Drive, Madison, VA 22727 or email to robertaj2008@comcast.net
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# A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:

(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE INITIAL)

## Mailing Address:

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(STREET, BOX, ROUTE, APT #) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

County or Independent City of Residence:

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**B. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

##### E-mail:

##### Emergency Contact:

##### Name       Phone: (     )      Day (     )      Evening

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**C. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION** *(Optional, for record keeping purposes only except for age)*

Gender: [ ]  Female

 [ ]  Male

Ethnicity: [ ]  Hispanic or Latino [ ]  Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (select one or more): Over 18 years of age?

 [ ]  White [ ]  Yes

 [ ]  Black or African American [ ]  No

 [ ]  American Indian or Alaskan Native

 [ ]  Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

 [ ]  Asian

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**D. REFERENCES**

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(Street, Route, Box, Apt#) (City) (State) (Zip)

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**E. INTERESTS & EXPERIENCES**

Certification as a Master Naturalist requires 40 hours of volunteer service. Below are some of the ways those hours may be earned. Please indicate your interests below (we realize your interests may change).

 1. Are you interested in Public Education/Outreach opportunities? Yes Maybe No No Idea (e.g. Classroom presentations, staffing a booth, leading nature walks)

2. Are you interested in Citizen Science opportunities? Yes Maybe No No Idea

(e.g. Stream monitoring, plant or bird surveys, butterfly counts)

3. Are you interested in Stewardship opportunities? Yes Maybe No No Idea (e.g. Invasive species removal, stream cleanups, native plant rescues)

4. Are you interested in Leadership opportunities? Yes Maybe No No Idea

(e.g. Committees, Board of Directors, helping to organize projects)

5. When are you available to volunteer and participate in VMN activities? *(days of the week, time of day, etc.)*

6. Tell us about your previous volunteer experience. *(use back if necessary)*

7. Is there a particular topic that you are interested in or knowledgeable about, and/or do you have experience or education in a natural science or environmental field? *(use back if necessary)*

8. Do you have any hobbies related to master naturalist subjects, e.g., birding, hiking, mushroom hunting, butterfly or bird watching, etc.? *(use back if necessary)*

9. How did you find out about Virginia Master Naturalist program? Do you know any Master Naturalists?

10. What skills or talents do you possess that you’d be willing to share with our chapter? *(e.g. writing, editing, web design, database management, public relations, grant writing, accounting, carpentry, graphic arts, etc.)*

### F. VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE

(This information will be kept in a confidential manner and accessible only to authorized personnel. A “yes” answer does **not** automatically exclude you from volunteering with the Virginia Master Naturalist program.)

Have you ever had any criminal convictions?YES [ ]  NO [ ]

I understand that records and 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.

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Signature, Volunteer Date

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**G. VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT**

I am volunteering my time to further the missions of the Virginia Master Naturalist program and its sponsoring agencies. I understand that the Virginia Master Naturalist program is open to all, regardless of age, color, disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, veteran status, or any other basis protected by the law. An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. I hereby certify that all of the entries on this application are true and complete. I understand that any falsification of information herein constitutes cause for dismissal.

I agree to abide by all policies and procedures of the Virginia Master Naturalist Program and its sponsoring agencies. I understand that Virginia Master Naturalist volunteers serve at the sole discretion of the Virginia Master Naturalist program and its sponsoring agencies. The program or its sponsoring agencies may at any time, for whatever reason, decide to terminate the volunteer's relationship with the organization or to make changes in the nature of their volunteer assignment.

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**H. MEDIA RELEASE**

The Virginia Master Naturalist Program and its sponsoring agencies periodically use electronic and traditional media (e.g., photographs, video, audio footage, testimonials) for publicity and educational purposes. By my signature on this form, I acknowledge receipt of this document and give permission for the Virginia Master Naturalist program and its sponsoring agencies to use such reproductions for educational and publicity purposes to perpetuity without further consideration from me.

I understand that I will need to notify the Virginia Master Naturalist program if any changes to my situation occur that will impact this media release permission.

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 Signature, Volunteer Date

**Acceptable forms of signature include signing the hard copy and scanning or mailing it in, signing with Veri-sign, the electronic signature option in Adobe Acrobat, or adding an image of your signature. You may be asked to sign your application at the first class.**

**Please print this form, sign it in the 3 indicated fields, and return it to: ORMN c/o Roberta Jalbert 481 Malvern Drive, Madison, VA 22727 or email to robertaj2008@comcast.net**

The Virginia Master Naturalist Program is sponsored jointly by Virginia Cooperative Extension, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Department of Forestry, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science’s Center for Coastal Resources Management, and the Virginia Museum of Natural History.

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**VMN PROGRAM INTERNAL USE ONLY**

Date volunteer application received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of interview: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of reference checks: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Application requires further action: YES [ ]  NO[ ]

Applicant met qualifications? YES [ ]  NO[ ]

Date notified of acceptance: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date notified of rejection: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of VMN chapter advisor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_