

Volunteer Interest Application For Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Applicant Information

Name:	Email:	Do you have a valid Driver's License? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Mailing Address:	Phone:	State: _____

Volunteer Opportunities/Interests

Please select which location(s) you're interested in volunteering at (note: not all volunteer opportunities are available everywhere):

Sacramento Llano Seco Colusa Sutter Sacramento River

Select the volunteer opportunities which interest you:

Visitor Services/Interpretation: The Complex receives over 200,000 visitors a year! Our Visitor Services programs provides information, orientation, programs, and opportunities for everyone to enjoy the wildlife and habitats of the refuges.

- Information Desk/Bookstore: welcome visitors, provide orientation for wildlife viewing and help answer phones in the Visitor Center; run the cash register, restock and organize Bookstore (year-round)
- Interpreter: provide interpretation for visitors on Auto Tours and Observation Decks (October-March)
- Environmental Education: assist with education and interpretive programs for school groups, families, and adults (October-March)
- Outreach: assist with special events including festivals and fairs (year-round)
- Hunt Program: maintain hunting facilities, clean and/or install signs, clean and maintain hunting blinds and islands, help answer and respond to hunting-specific phone calls (August – February)
- Kiosk Maintenance: clean and restock kiosks and brochure racks (year-round)
- Bird Feeders: clean and restock feeders at the Visitor Center (year-round)
- Native Plant Garden: weed, water and replant pollinator garden at Visitor Center
- Photography: photograph wildlife and habitat on the refuges for use on the Complex website and social media; photography equipment is NOT provided.

Field/Maintenance Work:

- Facilities Maintenance: maintain facilities around the buildings, parking lots and trails by weed-eating, painting, grounds-keeping and doing small construction tasks (year-round)
- Vehicle/Heavy Equipment Maintenance (year-round)
- Heavy Equipment Operation: mow, spray and disk to maintain refuge habitats (April – October) **Note: this requires special training/certification*

Biology:

Wood Duck Nest Boxes: clean and prepare wood duck boxes in January - February; monitor for nest productivity every 2-4 weeks from March – August; repair and replace boxes after nesting season.

1. Do you need volunteer/community service hours for school credit?

- High School College Other

Please explain: _____

2. Please list any education, skills, computer abilities, talents or interests that could relate to volunteering at the Complex:

3. Would you prefer to work:

- Indoors Outdoors Both
- Independently On a team Both

4. Dates you wish to volunteer:

From: _____ To: _____

5. Which days of the week would you be available (weekends are only available Nov-Feb):

- Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Lodging

1. Specify your lodging requirements:

- I would NOT need assistance with housing.
- I would need housing at the bunkhouse (pets are **not** permitted).
- I would require a trailer pad for my RV. Pets in household? _____

2. Our RV slots are level, graveled and share a covered cement pad picnic area. Sites are assigned on a first-come basis and/or based on size requirements. Sewage is not available but may be pumped out weekly. The following information will help us assign you a location:

- a. I have a Motorhome Travel Trailer Fifth Wheel Other: _____

- b. Length (ft): _____
- c. Amps required: _____
- d. Towed or tow vehicle (car, truck, van, etc.): _____
- e. Other equipment (trailer, boat, pet pens, etc.): _____
- f. Any additional people living with you? _____
- g. Do you have any additional requirements? _____

References

Please list two professional references:

Name and Title:	Address:	Phone:	Email:

Notice to Volunteer

By signing this application, the program participants (s) understand(s) s/he may be subject to a reference check, background check, and/or criminal history inquiry. Volunteers are not considered Federal employees for any purposes other than tort claims and injury compensation as per agency guidelines. Volunteers and related program participants are encouraged to verify with local sites all working conditions. Volunteer service is not creditable for leave accrual or any other benefit. However, volunteer service is creditable work experience.

Privacy Act Statement

The following information is provided to comply with the Privacy Act (PL 93-579). 5 U.S.C. 301 and 7 CFR260 authorize acceptance of the information requested on this form. The data will be used to contact applicants and to interview, screen, and select them for volunteer assignments.

Signature (sign in ink or digitally): _____

Date: _____

Please submit this application either by mail or email to:

Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex
 Attn: Volunteer Coordinator
 752 County Road 99W Willows, CA 95988

Email: sacramentovalleyrefuges@fws.gov
 Subject Line: Volunteer Application