



Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Resource Assessment Service
Volunteer Information & Registration

This registration form between the MD Department of Natural Resources and each volunteer is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. **Registration.** ALL volunteers must register on forms provided prior to doing any work. Registration qualifies the volunteers for State liability and medical protection.

2. **Duties.** No volunteer should undertake any work or use any equipment for which he/she is not trained and qualified. Volunteers are not permitted to drive a State Vehicle. Volunteers must use the same safety equipment required of the Department of Natural Resources personnel conducting similar activities. Volunteers who operate their own power equipment do so at their own risk.

3. **Liability.** Volunteers, like other State employees, are immune from tort liability if they are acting within the scope of their assigned public duties and without malice or gross negligence even if the damages exceed the limits of the State's waiver of immunity. Volunteers sued for alleged negligence are eligible for State legal assistance provided the limitations are not violated. The Department of Natural Resources relinquishes any claim for loss or damage to State property which results from supervised activities in State facilities, provided those activities are conducted without malice or gross negligence.

4. **Medical Coverage.** The State Treasury's Office provides volunteers with accident/medical insurance in the amount of \$2,500 for personal injuries and accidental death/dismemberment insurance in the amount of \$10,000. Proof of claim forms must be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources within thirty (30) days of the date of the accident.

5. **Coordination.** The volunteer program will be coordinated by Sara Weglein. Specific questions or concerns should be addressed at 410-260-8623. This form covers the period of February 1, 2024 to May 15, 2024.

Volunteer Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the above information and agree to abide by the requirements of the volunteer program, including obtaining landowner permission prior to entering private property.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature (for minors): _____