



APPLICATION
Nature Center Volunteer
Friends of El Paso County Nature Centers

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip _____ E-mail: _____

Phone (Cell) _____ Phone (Home/Other) _____

Emergency Contact (Name and Phone Number) _____

Why do you want to become a nature center volunteer? _____

How did you hear about volunteer opportunities with El Paso County Parks?

What skills and interests do you have to offer the program? _____

List your **work or volunteer experience** related to nature, recreation, working with the public, working with those with disabilities, etc.

Education: Circle last year completed: High School 1 2 3 4 College 1 2 3 4 Graduate 1 2 3 4
Other (specify) _____ Major Subjects: _____

Knowledge/Experience/Skills: Please check the following as they apply to you. Use an additional sheet to elaborate or provide additional details.

Experience talking to groups	___ Much	___ Some	___ None
Experience teaching/working with children	___ Much	___ Some	___ None
Experience teaching /working with adults	___ Much	___ Some	___ None
Knowledge of Colorado plants and animals	___ Much	___ Some	___ None

(over)

Areas of Volunteer Interest: Please rate your interest and willingness to volunteer in each of the following categories according to the scale below:

- 1- Yes, I am interested and would like to be involved in this volunteer opportunity.
- 2- Yes, I am somewhat interested and would be willing to give this volunteer opportunity a try.
- 3- No, I am not interested in being involved in this volunteer opportunity.

- ☐ Working at visitor reception desk and exhibit room at nature centers
☐ Leading school programs at nature centers
☐ Helping with special events
☐ Guiding Trailability program trail rides/walks

Are you comfortable walking up to 3 miles, including some uphill, in various weather conditions? ☐ YES ☐ NO (*only applies to Trailability program volunteers*)

What languages do you speak well? _____

Work Status: Please check any of the following that apply:

- ☐ Working full or part time (indicate days and hours) _____
☐ Looking for full or part time work
☐ Student
☐ None of the above

Availability: When are you available for volunteer work? _____

References: List two who know your interests and are able to recommend you as a volunteer.

	Name	Address	Phone	How Associated
1.	_____			
2.	_____			

Volunteer Agreement: Please read carefully before signing

I understand the training offered by El Paso County Recreation and Cultural Services is provided under the agreement that I donate a minimum of **40 hours** of volunteer time during the twelve months following training. I will do my best to meet the responsibilities of the position for which I volunteer. I will present the best possible impression of El Paso County Parks and myself to the visiting public.

Signature

Date

Please return via email or mail to:

bfcvolunteers@gmail.com

or

Volunteer Coordinator

Friends of El Paso County Nature Centers

245 Bear Creek Road

Colorado Springs, CO 80906

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Application and Waiver Rec.: _____

Interview Date: _____

Payment Received: _____

Background Check Complete: _____

Comments: _____
