



Virginia Master Naturalist Program Volunteer Information and Enrollment Form

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.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name:

(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE INITIAL)

Mailing Address:

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

County or Independent City of Residence: _____

B. CONTACT INFORMATION

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

E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name _____ Phone: (____)____ Day (____)_____ Evening

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

Gender: Female
 Male

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race (select one or more):

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Asian

Please answer the following questions as fully as possible:

1. Which areas are you most interested in pursuing for volunteer work and further training?

- Education programs for children
- Education programs for adults
- Native plants, invasive plant eradication
- Forest ecology and management
- Water quality, water monitoring
- Reptiles and amphibians, monitoring, habitat improvement
- Mammals, monitoring
- Birds and/or butterflies, monitoring
- Urban/suburban ecology, habitat improvement
- Interpretive programs, speaking, research and writing
- Other _____

2. Describe any volunteer work you have done (community, church, scouting, etc.)

3. How much time per week or month do you average volunteering?

4. Why are you interested in natural resources and conservation?

5. Do you prefer working with: children; adults; either

6. Are you available for any daytime volunteer work or field trips either weekdays or weekends? yes no

7. Are you able to attend Thursday evening training weekly from January-April? yes no

Please note that the VMN Program is primarily a volunteer organization.

To graduate from the Basic Training Course, participants must complete a minimum of 40 hours of instruction, including a minimum of 10 hours of approved field trips.

A participant who has graduated from the Basic Training Course may become Certified as a Master Naturalist by completing a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service on approved projects and completing at least 8 hours of approved Continuing Education in accordance with the Volunteer Handbook and Policy Guidelines dated 12-21-16.

A minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service on approved projects and completion of at least 8 hours of approved Continuing Education are required annually to maintain status as a Certified Master Naturalist.

8. What is your educational background (years completed, area of study)?

D. REFERENCES

(Name) (Phone: Day & Night) (Relationship)

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

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E. 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.

Signature, Volunteer

Date

F. 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.

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.

Note: simply typing your name onto the signature line is not acceptable.

G. 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.

Signature, Volunteer _____ Date _____

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Please print this form, sign it in the 3 indicated fields, and return it to: Kathleen.Ogilvy@dof.virginia.gov (preferred) or mail to:

**Virginia Master Naturalist-Riverine Chapter
c/o Kathleen Ogilvy
P.O. Box 241
Ashland, VA 23005**

Applications are due by November 30, 2017.

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 acceptance letter sent: _____

Date rejection letter sent: _____

Signature of VMN chapter advisor: _____ Date _____