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VOLUNTEER NATURALIST TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____ Work Phone _____

DOB _____ Occupation _____

Employer _____

Education (High School) _____

(College) _____ (Degree) _____

Are you a member of the Connecticut Audubon Society? Yes ___ No ___

Briefly describe your reason(s) for wanting to become a Volunteer Naturalist.

Do you have any previous teaching experience?

Do you have any previous experience in wildlife conservation education? If yes, please describe.

Background screening may be required to lead walks and conduct programming with the public.

Are you willing to participate in the screening? Yes ___ No ___

To give our instructors an indication of your background in natural history and biology, please discuss any experience you may have in wildlife ecology, wildlife management, or related fields.

Have you conducted any volunteer work in the past three years? If yes, please describe.

We are looking for individuals who can volunteer at least 40 hours within the year. Please estimate how many hours **per month** you are available to volunteer. _____

Are you available in the daytime to present programs in a school setting? Yes ___ No ___

Highlight your **skills and/or interests** that may enhance your role as a Volunteer Naturalist.

_____ Hiking	_____ Birding	_____ Fishing
_____ Tracking	_____ Hunting/Trapping	_____ Camping
_____ Trail Maintenance	_____ Camping	_____ Gardening
_____ Woodworking	_____ Landscaping	_____ Insects
_____ Reptiles	_____ Computer Skills	_____ Office
_____ Wildflowers	_____ Nature Photography	_____ Wild Edibles
_____ Amphibians/Reptiles	_____ Other	

The Connecticut Audubon Society conserves Connecticut’s environment through science-based education and advocacy focused on the state’s bird populations and habitats. Founded in 1898, Connecticut Audubon Society (CAS) operates nature facilities in Fairfield, Milford, Pomfret, Old Lyme, an EcoTravel office in Essex, and an Environmental Advocacy program in Hartford. Connecticut Audubon Society manages 19 wildlife sanctuaries around the state, preserves over 3,300 acres of open space in Connecticut, and educates over 100,000 children and adults annually. Working exclusively in the state of Connecticut for over 100 years, CAS is an independent organization, not affiliated with any national or governmental group.

Connecticut Audubon Society’s scientists, educators, citizen scientists, and volunteers work to preserve birds and their environments in Connecticut. Our work includes [sanctuary management](#), [conservation advocacy](#), environmental education and activities at our [centers and sanctuaries](#), scientific studies, and our [Connecticut State of the Birds](#) project.

If you enroll in the Connecticut Audubon Society Volunteer Naturalist Training Program, you will be working as an extension of the Society’s education and outreach efforts. Information you provide to the public under the auspices of the Volunteer Naturalist Program must therefore comply with the Society’s policies and principles.

Signature _____ Date _____

VOLUNTEER NATURALIST PROGRAM FEE:

\$200 members; \$258 non-members (includes one year membership)

PAYMENT:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Checks payable to: Connecticut Audubon Society

Check enclosed: _____

Master Card or Visa: Card # _____ **Exp. Date:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Cash: _____ **Amount:** _____

Received by: _____

Please mail to:

Connecticut Audubon Society

Center at Pomfret

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