

Primate Rescue Center, Inc. Off-Site Volunteer Application



Thank you for your interest in becoming an Off-Site Volunteer with the Primate Rescue Center! Off-Site Volunteers play an important role in helping us indirectly provide care to the monkeys and chimps living at the sanctuary by assisting with a variety of tasks in our Enrichment Program or our fundraising and outreach efforts off-site. If accepted into the Off-Site Volunteer Program, you will receive a packet containing recipes and enrichment ideas designed especially for the primates, as well as fundraising ideas. Off-site volunteers must pre-approve all work with the Volunteer Program Coordinator, work on projects at home, then contact the Volunteer Program Coordinator via email to arrange for pick-up or drop off of items. If doing a fundraising activity, all arrangements must be pre-approved by the Volunteer Program Coordinator and a written agreement must be signed regarding all potential funds raised or items donated.

This entire application packet must be filled out before you will be considered for a volunteer position.

Application packet checklist:

- ☐ Read and sign the *Program Requirements and Safety Policies for Primate Rescue Center Off-Site Volunteers*
- ☐ Fill out the application
- ☐ Read and sign the *Waiver and Release of Liability for Activities at the Primate Rescue Center*
- ☐ Attach a copy of a valid driver's license or other form of photo identification
(if under age 16, include a copy of your parent or guardian's ID)

All application documents should either be emailed or mailed to:

Primate Rescue Center, Inc.
Attn: Melanie Parker
2515 Bethel Road
Nicholasville, KY 40356
(859) 858-4866
MelanieP@primaterescue.org

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Program Requirements and Safety Policies for Primate Rescue Center Off-Site Volunteers

All volunteers must:

- Adhere to all PRC policies, guidelines and given instructions.
- Represent the PRC in a professional and knowledgeable manner.
- Show a sense of interest and compassion toward animals and have a positive attitude.
- Demonstrate common sense, a good work ethic and respect for all sanctuary residents, staff, interns, and fellow volunteers.
- Demonstrate proficient and appropriate email, phone and in-person communication with the Volunteer Coordinator and other PRC staff members.
- Pre-approve all enrichment and fundraising projects with the Volunteer Coordinator.

If on-site at the sanctuary:

- Off-Site Volunteers are NEVER allowed, under any circumstance, to have physical contact with any primate. Off-Site Volunteers are NEVER allowed, under any circumstance, to feed, hand out or throw anything to any primate. No exceptions. Attempts to do so are dangerous, may result in serious injury, and will result in immediate dismissal from the program and sanctuary grounds.
- Do not respond to any aggressive behaviors or challenges from the primates (ex. Primates may slap or bang on enclosure surfaces, throw objects within or out of the enclosure, or they may spit out of their enclosure.)
- Do not cross any barriers and stay at least 15 feet away from any primate enclosure.

Volunteers who are unable or unwilling to meet any requirements may be dismissed from the program at any time. We reserve the right to dismiss any volunteer at any time for any reason, including but not limited to the following examples: excessive cancellations, unpleasant attitude, poor work ethic, inappropriate interaction with the animals, disrespect of sanctuary staff, interns, volunteers, or animal residents, inability to listen and follow instructions when on sanctuary grounds, or disregard for any other PRC policies.

I have read and understand the Program Requirements and Safety Policies for Primate Rescue Center Off-Site Volunteers. I agree to abide by all PRC policies, rules, and guidelines. I understand my failure to do so will result in my dismissal from the program.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian if participant is under 18 years of age

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Birthdate: (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Non-School Email: _____

Why are you interested in becoming an Off-Site Volunteer with the PRC? _____

How did you learn about the PRC? _____

What off-site volunteer activities are you interested in working on? (circle all that apply)

Creating Enrichment Fundraising Donation Drives Grant Research/Writing

What time commitment are you able to make to off-site volunteering? _____

Do you currently have any pets? Tell us a little about them. _____

Have you or anyone in your family ever owned or desired to own a pet primate? _____

Have you done volunteer work in the past for other organizations, and if so, where? _____

List 3 adjectives that would describe your personality. _____

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What do you do for a living? If you are a student, what are you studying and what extra-curricular activities are you involved in at school?

What do you like to do in your free time? Do you have any hobbies? _____

Do you have reliable transportation? YES or NO

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES or NO

If yes, please explain: _____

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Waiver and Release of Liability for Activities at the Primate Rescue Center

I understand that my execution of this Waiver and Release is required prior to entering the premises of the Primate Rescue Center ("the Sanctuary") or participating in any activities at the Sanctuary. I further understand that there are risks and dangers inherent in being at the Sanctuary including, but not limited to, the potential for physical injury, property injury, or other harm or death, which may be caused by any animal or the negligent acts of any individual.

I agree to assume all risks, liabilities and responsibility for any physical injury, property injury, or other harm or death that may occur while I am on the Sanctuary grounds.

I agree to release and hold harmless the Primate Rescue Center and its officers and directors, agents, assigns, employees, volunteers, and interns from any liability or responsibility for physical injury, property injury, or other harm or death that may occur while I am on the Sanctuary grounds.

I intend by this Waiver and Release to release the Primate Rescue Center and its officers and directors, agents, assigns, employees, volunteers, and interns from any liability or responsibility for physical injury, property injury, or other harm or death that may occur while I am on the Sanctuary grounds. I intend this Waiver and Release and its terms to apply whether any injury liability arises from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released, from dangerous or defective property, or equipment owned, maintained or controlled by them or because of their possible liability without fault. I understand and agree that this Waiver and Release is binding.

I understand that I am waiving, permanently and in advance, my rights to seek any recovery or compensation for and for physical injury, property injury, or other harm or death that may occur while I am on the Sanctuary grounds.

I have carefully read this Waiver and Release and fully understand its contents. If I am under 18 years of age, my parent or legal guardian has completely reviewed this Waiver and Release, understands and consents to its terms, and authorizes my participation by his/her signature below. I am aware that this is a RELEASE OF LIABILITY and I sign of my own free will.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian if participant is under 18 years of age

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____