



**APPLICATION**  
Interpretive Volunteer  
Friends of El Paso County Nature Centers



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Name and Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in the area? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to become a volunteer naturalist? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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What skills, talents, and interests do you have to offer the program? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List your **work or volunteer experience** related to nature, interpretation, parks, teaching.

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\_\_\_\_\_

**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
Knowledge of local cultural history	___ Much	___ Some	___ None

**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.

- \_\_\_ Leading school programs at nature centers
- \_\_\_ Leading general public programs at nature centers
- \_\_\_ Working at visitor reception desks in nature centers
- \_\_\_ Working as an exhibit room host in nature centers
- \_\_\_ Helping with special events at nature centers
- \_\_\_ Helping with fundraising for nature centers

**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 to:

Interpretive Volunteer Consultant  
El Paso County Parks  
Bear Creek Nature Center  
245 Bear Creek Road  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

<p><b>For Office Use Only</b> Application rec.: _____ Interview date: _____ Interview completed: _____ (initials) Comments: _____ _____ Confirmation mailed: _____</p>
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