

Bird Banding Volunteer Assistant — Fall Owl Migration

Position Description:

Under the direct supervision of the Master Bander, Banding Volunteers will assist with: clearing brush and branches for mist net setup, setting up mist nets, monitoring nets for owls, removing owls from nets, removing leaves and small sticks from nets, closing and furrowing nets, measuring, weighing, and determining age and gender of owls, recording data, banding owls, and internet owl research. More than 98% of the owls captured will be Northern Saw-whet Owls.

Owl migration season is September 18 to November 15. Netting will be done nightly (weather permitting) from dusk until 1:00 am, with occasional later morning netting during peak migration.

Volunteers need to determine the schedule that works best for them, but each person needs to volunteer for at least 5 hr per week.

Banding Volunteers will not assist with other events, activities, or projects at Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve nor will they be under the supervision of other Barkhausen staff. Experience will be limited to owl banding operations only.

Volunteers need to sign a Brown County Volunteer Form, have health insurance, and have had a tetanus vaccination within the past 10 years. Occupational hazards include: hands pierced by sharp talons, deer and wood tick bites, mosquito bites, and any and all infections and diseases that are associated with these hazards.

This is an unpaid position. UW-Green Bay students are encouraged to apply for the Great Lakes Higher Education Internship Grant or other grants for funding.

Personal Equipment Needed:

Rubber boots, warm clothes, personal head lamp and his/her own transportation to and from Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve. Banding Volunteers need the mental, emotional and physical toughness to work outside and stay with a project through tough conditions. They must be able to go without food or using a cell phone for 4 hours and must strictly focus on banding.

Contact Information:

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION



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VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT
WAIVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS

Participant's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Volunteer Activity (Specify Activity): _____

County Department Sponsor: _____

WAIVER

In consideration of acceptance into the above referenced County volunteer activity, I do hereby, for myself, my child(ren), my heirs, executors and assigns, release Brown County and its officials, officers, agents and employees from liability for any harm, injury, or damage which I or my minor children, may suffer while participating and/or volunteering in the above described program, event and/or activity. This includes all risks that are connected with this activity whether foreseen or unforeseen.

HOLD HARMLESS

I agree to hold Brown County and its agents, officials, and employees harmless from any damage to persons or property, resulting from my or my child(ren)'s negligence and/or intentional acts and understand that Brown County has immunity for injuries sustained in the course of recreational and voluntary activities. To the best of my knowledge, I am not aware of any physical disability or health-related reasons or problems which would preclude or restrict myself or my child(ren)'s participation in this activity. I agree to abide by all rules and requirements of the program/event/activity.

I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this Agreement for and /or on the behalf of the participant. I understand the terms and have signed this document as my own free act.

I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF AND/OR CHILD(REN) OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS AGREEMENT AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY BY READING IT BEFORE I SIGNED IT. I REALIZE THAT BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT I AM GIVING UP LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I MAY BE ENTITLED TO. I DO NOT REQUEST AN OPPORTUNITY TO BARGAIN THE TERMS OF THIS RELEASE.

I have read the above terms of this Agreement, and I understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated herein. This Agreement/Release shall be binding upon the heirs, administrators, executors, and assigns of the undersigned.

ATTENTION: Ages 18 and under must have guardian signature

Signed : _____ Dated: _____