



Volunteer Application 1/2026

Thank you for your interest in being a volunteer. Please complete this form and submit it to the Itasca Park District Front Desk. Completion of this application does not guarantee you a volunteer position. A staff member will contact you upon submission of this form, and if this agency selects you to be a volunteer, it will require you to complete a Waiver & Release form, as well as to provide emergency contact information.

Date of Application: _____

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

What days & times are you available? _____

Please check your area(s) of interest:	
Recreation Department:	Springbrook Nature Center:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Special Events <input type="radio"/> Teen Trips/Events <input type="radio"/> Seniors <input type="radio"/> Athletic Events <input type="radio"/> Other _____ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Conservation/Restoration <input type="radio"/> Environmental Education/ Ongoing Programs <input type="radio"/> Special Events
Contact: Josh Williams Itasca Park District 350 E. Irving Park Road Itasca, IL 60143 jwilliams@itascaparkdistrict.com 630-773-2257	Contact: Chris Carling Nature & Recreation Supervisor 350 E. Irving Park Road Itasca, IL 60143 ccarling@itascaparkdistrict.com 630-773-2257

I understand as a volunteer, I am required to follow the Itasca Park District's general policies and procedures; including but not limited to safety and background check.

Signature _____

Date: _____

Are you 18 or over?

____ Yes ____ No

If under 18, please state your age: _____

If under the age of 18, please provide Parent/Guardian Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Doctor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Insurance: _____

Please Indicate any allergies, special limitations and/or accommodations that may affect your child's volunteering?

Have you volunteered with the Itasca Park District before?

____ Yes ____ No

Please describe any relevant education, employment experience, volunteer experience, training, special skills or interests (you may submit a resume):

Have you been convicted of a felony within the last 7 years?

____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever been convicted as, or found to be, a child sex offender?

____ Yes ____ No

Please list the name and phone number of two non-family personal references:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

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Relationship: _____

By submitting this application, I affirm the facts set forth in the application are true and complete. I understand if I am accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may lead to the immediate end of my ability to volunteer with the agency.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

It is the policy of the Itasca Park District to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, disability or any other legally protected basis. Please advise the Itasca Park District if you need any accommodation to participate in the application process.

VOLUNTEER WAIVER AND RELEASE

Please read this document carefully so that you fully understand your rights and responsibilities as a volunteer. **Participation will be denied if the signature of the volunteer and date are not on this waiver.**

I agree to serve as a volunteer for the Agency. I understand that my volunteer service with the Agency may be ended for failure to adequately perform my volunteer duties, for improper conduct while serving as a volunteer, or for any other lawful reason. I also acknowledge that the Agency recommends each person carry their own medical accident insurance, since worker's compensation benefits are not available to volunteers.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The (District/SRA) is committed to conducting its recreation programs and activities in a safe manner and holds the safety of participants in high regard. The (District/SRA) continually strives to reduce such risks and insists that all volunteers follow safety rules and instructions that are designed to protect the volunteers' safety. However, volunteers and parents/guardians of minors volunteering for this program/activity must recognize that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate in recreational activities/programs, whether as a volunteer or participant.

You are solely responsible for determining if you or your minor child/ward are physically fit and/or adequately skilled for the activities contemplated by this agreement. It is always advisable, especially if the volunteer is pregnant, disabled in any way or has recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician before undertaking any physical activity.

WARNING OF RISK

Recreational activities are intended to challenge and engage the physical, mental and emotional resources of each participant and, consequently, volunteers. Despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury when volunteering in any recreational activity. All hazards and dangers cannot be foreseen. Depending on the particular activity, certain risks, dangers and injuries may exist due to inclement weather, slips and falls, poor skill level or conditioning, carelessness, horseplay, unsportsmanlike conduct, premises defects, inadequate or defective equipment, inadequate supervision, instruction or officiating, and other risks inherent to the particular activity. In this regard, it is impossible for the (District/SRA) to guarantee absolute safety.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up to volunteer in this program/activity, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of volunteering in any and all activities connected with and associated with this program/activity (including transportation services and vehicle operations, when provided).

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to volunteers in this program/activity, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participating in this program/activity against the (District/SRA), including its officials, agents, employees, and other volunteers.

I have read and fully understand the above important information, warning of risk, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims. If applying on-line or via fax, my on-line or facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature.

Volunteer Name (Printed)

Date

Volunteer Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian must sign if volunteer is under age of 18

Date





Complete, Sign and
Return This Form

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS FORM

Please read this form carefully and be aware that by agreeing to allow the Itasca Park District to investigate your criminal background, you will be waiving and releasing all claims for damages you might sustain arising out of the criminal background check and review.

I understand that a successful criminal background check is a condition of my employment or volunteerism or as an Independent Contractor with the Itasca Park District.

I agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have against the Itasca Park District and its officers, agents, servants, and employees, as a result of participating in the criminal background check.

I do hereby fully release and discharge the Itasca Park District, its respective officers, agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims from damages which I may have or which may accrue to me on account of the results of any aspect of the criminal background check.

I have read and fully understand this Waiver and Release of All Claims.

Position: _____

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Middle Initial: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: Female Male

*Race (select one): A AS B U W

*(A=American Indian or Alaskan Native, AS=Asian or Pacific Islander, B=Black, U=Unknown, W=White)

Please Select One:

- New Employee
- Volunteer
- Returning Employee
- Independent Contractor

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If under 18, Parent Signature

Parent Printed Name

Please attach a copy of your Driver's License or Photo Identification
***For Background Check purposes only**

4/28/2019