



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in being a volunteer for the Park District of Oak Park. Please complete this form and submit it to Maureen McCarthy. 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: _____

Address: _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone: (day) _____ (evening) _____ (cell) _____

Email address: _____

Are you 18 or over? Yes No

If under 18, please state your age: _____

Have you volunteered with this agency before? Yes No

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

Which age groups do you enjoy working with? (Circle all that apply)

Early childhood (ages 3-6) Youth Teens/young adults Adults Seniors

Why are you interested in volunteer work with the Agency? (Circle all that apply)

- Give back to community
- School/work service hours
- Family member with a disability
- Youth sports coach
- Other: _____
- Love of recreation
- Past experience
- Looking for new experiences

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: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

Please list two individuals to notify in the case of emergency:

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Relationship: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
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 Park District of Oak Park 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 Maureen McCarthy if you need any accommodation to participate in the application process.

Maureen McCarthy
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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 Park District of Oak Park. I understand that my volunteer service with the Park District of Oak Park 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 Park District of Oak Park recommends each person carry their own medical accident insurance, since worker's compensation benefits are not available to volunteers.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Park District of Oak Park is committed to conducting its recreation programs and activities in a safe manner and holds the safety of participants in high regard. The Park District of Oak Park 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 Park District of Oak Park 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 Park District of Oak Park, 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