



## **Wildlife Center Volunteer Job Descriptions**

### Avian Ambassador Volunteers

Avian volunteers at the MT WILD Wildlife Center assist staff with provision of care and enrichment for the ambassador birds held at the facility. They are trained to safely walk the ambassador birds and provide public programs speaking about raptors in general and individual species.

Duties (in order of importance): Assisting staff with enclosure observation to ensure security and safety of birds held at the facility, cleaning indoor and outdoor enclosures, providing water and food to ambassador birds, walking ambassador raptors, keeping record on ambassador weights and general health observations, speaking to public about raptors and ambassador raptor species specifically.

### Bear Volunteers

Bear volunteers at the MT WILD Wildlife Center assist staff with the provision of care and enrichment for the bears held at the facility while following strict guidelines to prevent habituation. Volunteers are responsible for feeding, cleaning, and adding enrichment to the enclosures to provide the best life in captivity possible. This position does require some lifting of heavy objects not exceeding 30 lbs.

Duties (in order of importance): Assisting staff with enclosure observation and record keeping ensuring security and safety of bears held at the facility, cleaning bear enclosures, providing food and water, assisting staff during immobilization of bears by keeping accurate records during the process, providing enrichment items and opportunities, and collecting daily food donations.

### Rehabilitation Assistant Volunteers

Rehabilitation assistant volunteers at the MT WILD Wildlife Center assist the staff with the treatment and observation of the patients in care at the facility. Volunteers are always under the direct supervision of a staff member. The volunteers are trained to assist staff with medical treatments, feeding, cleaning of enclosures and medical equipment, monitoring and keeping accurate records of patients being held at the facility.

Duties (in order of importance): assist staff by safely holding patients for medical treatments and examinations, safely holding patients for assisted feedings, monitoring patient health and reporting any changes or concerns to a staff member, assist in accurate record keeping of treatments given and health of patient under the guidance of a staff member, and assist in cleaning patient enclosures and any medical equipment used.

### Transportation Volunteer

Transportation volunteers at the MT WILD Wildlife Center assist staff and the public by transporting injured wildlife to the center and to release sites. They are trained in the best practices to handle, transfer to travel carrier, and transport injured and orphaned wildlife to the Wildlife Center. These practices maximize the safety of the job for the volunteer and minimize the stress of the wildlife in transport.

Duties (in order of importance): Safe handling, transfer and transport of wildlife patients to and from the center, coordinating with Wildlife Center staff for patient intakes, coordinating with Wildlife Center staff for appropriate release sites and times for patients scheduled to be released.

### Facilities Maintenance Volunteer

Facilities Maintenance volunteers at the MT WILD Wildlife Center assist staff with general maintenance tasks at the facility. Volunteers are responsible for tasks such as mowing, pulling weeds, replacing or repairing perches, replacing and repairing enrichment items, and assisting staff with enclosure set ups.

Duties (in order of importance): Mowing inside eagle enclosure and outside bear enclosures when unoccupied, keeping grass and weeds from growing around buildings and structures to minimize fire risk, sanding icy areas during winter, repairing or replacing perches as needed, repairing or replacing enrichment items as needed, minor repairs of enclosures, assist staff with setting up existing or new enclosures with gravel, perches, and enrichment items.