



Friends of Eagle River Nature Center, Inc.

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Greetings!

Thanks you for your interest in volunteering at the Eagle River Nature Center. We could never accomplish all that we do here without the time and dedication put in by hundreds of our local volunteers. We hope that you will join this special group of people at the Nature Center.

For starter, we ask that you complete the "Local Volunteer Interest Form" so that we my gain a better understanding of how best to match up your skills and experiences with our needs. As soon as we receive your completed form, our staff will get in touch with you to schedule a brief interview with you. Afterwards, we'll get you started! It's quite simple, but a lot is left "in your ball court" so to speak.

Because our staff is so small and we have many things to accomplish, we hope that you will understand that we are looking for volunteers who can commit to coming on a fairly regular basis. If you are only able to volunteer occasionally, please let us know and we will call on you for help with special events.

Thanks again for your interest and we hope you can join us. I'm sure you'll find volunteering at the Eagle River Nature Center very rewarding!

Sincerely,
Laura Kruger
Manager

Friends of Eagle River Nature Center

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Local Volunteer Interest Form

Contact Information

Name	First:	Last:	Title:
Address:		City:	State: Zip:
Day phone:		Evening phone:	E-mail:
Date of Birth (Month/Day):		Current Employer:	Job Title:

In case of Emergency Contact

Name:	First:	Last:	Relation:
Day phone:		Evening phone:	

Volunteer Interest

Please check up to 3 interests AND rank 1 to 3 (1 = most interested):

Rank

- _____ **Front Desk/Visitor Services:** (Indoors) Requires a commitment of volunteering at least 2 times/month and good social skills. Must be able to operate computer cash register (training provided).
- _____ **Trail Crew:** (Outdoors) Meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Need to be in good physical condition. Duties include general trail maintenance, wood chopping and hauling, snow removal, etc.
- _____ **Assisting Naturalists with programs:** (Indoor/Outdoor) Assist naturalists with programs, including set-up/clean-up and any other tasks assigned.
- _____ **Special Events:** (Indoor/Outdoor) Help with set-up, clean-up, and any other tasks associated with special event.
 - Night with the Stars (Indoor-Jan or Feb)
 - Icy River Rampage Snow Bike Race (Outdoor-February)
 - Annual Spring Auction (Indoor-April)
 - Eagle River Challenge Running Race (Outdoor-May)
 - Old Hallow's Eve (Outdoor-October)
 - Lantern Walk (Outdoor-December)
 - Staff informational table at outreach events (Indoor/Outdoor-year-round)
- _____ **Weekend Program Presenter:** (Indoor/Outdoor) Present your own program at one of our Saturday/Sunday public programs. Usually take place at 2 p.m. each day. Saturday program is our Jr. Naturalist program (grades K-6) and Sunday program is all ages. Summer programs are outside oriented and winter program can be either indoor/outdoor.

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Please discuss your topic(s) of expertise or interest for a weekend program:

Volunteer Availability

Days and times available: State time frame (e.g. 11 am – 2 pm) or write “anytime”.

Sunday		I prefer to volunteer: <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> As needed	Any other comments:
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			

Please use the space below to give us some additional information about you.

This information is of great interest to us!

Please discuss any previous experience that would be useful for us to know:

How did you learn of our volunteer opportunities?

- ERNC Website
 ERNC Newsletter
 Other (please list): _____
 Newspaper
 From a friend

Please fill out this form to completion as well as the attached RELEASE FORM and mail, email or drop-off in person to:

Eagle River Nature Center
Attn: Laura Kruger, Manager
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Eagle River, AK 99577
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907-694-2108 www.ernc.org

Staff use only: Rec'd on: _____ Red'd by: _____ Given to: _____ Date: _____

Contacted vol. date: _____ method: _____ Comments: _____

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**Friends of Eagle River Nature Center
Release and Indemnity**

The undersigned, for himself or herself, or on behalf of the minor child identified below for whom the undersigned is the parent or legal guardian, agrees and acknowledges as follows:

Acknowledgement of Risks: That participation in performances by Friends of Eagle River Nature Center, Inc. (FERNC) in Eagle River, Alaska, and the activities surrounding the performances involve substantial inherent risks, both known and unknown, including but not limited to risks arising from performances in a remote location, water nearby the staging and performance areas, life at a wilderness nature center lodge, the presence of wild animals, possible thefts of personal possessions, and the use of a vehicle or other equipment. The consequences of the risks associated with these activities may include personal injury, death, or loss or damage to personal possessions.

Assumption of Risks: That, on behalf of himself, herself, or the minor child, the undersigned assumes responsibility for the risks, both known and unknown, and for the personal injury, death or loss of property that might arise from the risks.

Release: That on behalf of himself, herself, or the minor child, the undersigned hereby releases Friends of Eagle River Nature Center, Inc. (FERNC), and its directors, officers, agents, and employees, and all other persons or entities associated with FERNC from all claims or causes of action, damages, losses, or expenses of any kind (including attorney’s fees) arising from the performances and all related activities of FERNC.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THE ABOVE RELEASE AND INDEMNITY, UNDERSTANDS ITS TERMS AND EFFECT, AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS IT.

Date: _____

Name of participant (please print): _____

Signature of participant: _____

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**IF PARTICPANT IS UNDER AGE 18 YEARS,
A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN:**

Date: _____

Name of Parent of Legal Guardian (please print): _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____