



AGREEMENT OF VOLUNTEER STATUS

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1501.23, this agreement is made by and between the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, acting by and through the Chief of the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves (hereinafter referred to as "Department") and (hereinafter referred to as "Volunteer").

Printed name of Volunteer

WITNESSETH:

1. The Volunteer accepts the position as a volunteer employee with the Department.
2. The Department has the right to supervise, control and direct the manner in which the volunteer performs services. This agreement shall be in effect from _____ to _____ (month,date,year) unless the Volunteer or the Department decides upon two weeks notice to the other party, to terminate this agreement sooner. Failure to comply with any and all rules of the Department and any lawful directive of the supervisors of the program shall constitute grounds for the Department to immediately terminate this Agreement. The state reserves the right to terminate this Agreement, at its option, at any time. All State issued shall be returned to the State within 14 days of termination of this contract.
3. In consideration of being allowed to volunteer and participate in mutually agreed upon work projects assigned by the Division, the Volunteer agrees to follow and comply with all pertinent volunteer policies of the Department. The Volunteer duties involve activities which are inherently dangerous, including those conducted within close proximity to water, and Volunteer/Parent of Volunteer, expressly agrees to assume all risks of accident injury, or death and release and forever discharge the Department and its employees, officers, and agents from any and all liability for personal injury, death, or property damage of any kind sustained in association with participation by the Volunteer in volunteer activities, whether such personal injury, death, or property damage is caused by negligence of the Department or its employees, officers, agents or otherwise.
4. Pursuant to O.R.C. 1501.23, under Section 9.83 (Motor Vehicle Liability), 9.87 (Indemnification Liability), and pursuant to O.R.C. 4112 (Civil Rights) and O.R.C. 4123 (Workers Compensation), the Volunteer shall be considered an employee of the State of Ohio. The Volunteer shall NOT be considered as a State employee, as a result of this Agreement under O.R.C. 124 (Administrative Services Personnel), shall not be permitted to participate in any public retirement program as a result of this Agreement and is NOT eligible for benefits under Section 4141.01 through 4141.46 of the Ohio Revised Code.
5. Volunteer may, at a Volunteer's own risk and expense, use machinery and equipment not owned by the Division to carry out functions under this agreement. In such event, the Division shall have no obligation to provide fuel, maintenance, repair or replacement for any such machinery or equipment.
6. Obligations of the State are subject to the provision of Section 126.07 of the Revised Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement and all duplicate copies are effective upon execution by all intended parties

VOLUNTEER

STATE OF OHIO

Signature of Volunteer

Date

Chief, Division of Natural Areas
& Preserves

Date