



## Volunteer Application

At Earthplace our mission is to build a passion in our community for nature and the environment through education, experience and action. We do this by providing hands-on, nature-based learning experience throughout childhood into young adults as well as environmental programs for teens and adults. Join our passion in growing a sustainable community where conscious regard for the natural world guides individual action.

Please complete and return this form to the address above or via email at [volunteers@earthplace.org](mailto:volunteers@earthplace.org).

### Contact Information:

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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Check whichever box applies:       15 years old or under       16 or 17 years old       18 years old or older

### Emergency Contact Information:

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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List any health concerns or allergies which Earthplace should be aware of (ex: peanut allergies, bee stings, etc.)

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**About you:**

**List any skills, hobbies, or interest you have:**

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**What prior volunteer experience do you have, if any?**

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**Why are you interested in volunteering at Earthplace?**

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**How did you hear about Earthplace?**

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Are you an Earthplace member?  YES  NO

**Availability:**

**Please select your availability** (opportunities are typically offered between 9am-5pm):

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
AM							
PM							

Seasons (check all the apply):  Spring  Summer  Fall  Winter

Frequency:  Weekly  Monthly  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**In which areas would you be interested in volunteering?** Check all that apply. Please note that some restrictions do apply.

**Animals Hall and Connecticut Birds of Prey Exhibit** (requires 4 training sessions)

- Animal care: daily care including feeding animals, cleaning enclosures, sweeping, dusting, display window cleaning, dishes, trash removal, weeding and more!

**Center**

- General cleaning of public areas: dusting, window washing, wiping down surfaces
- Paper work: Filing, shredding, brochure folding, crafts as needed
- Marketing and social media help: photographs, making signs, hanging signs

**Grounds**

- Gardening: weeding, raking, planting, watering, compost turning
- General cleaning: trash removal, raking, debris removal
- Trail Maintenance: trail clearing, trail lining/edging, sign installation/removal
- Building and Exhibit Maintenance: painting, staining, power washing, repairs( as needed)
- Invasive species removal

**Harbor Watch**

- Glassware: washing lab glassware (training required)
- Boat Maintenance: painting (spring), winterizing (fall), other repairs as needed

**Special Events**

- Cocktail & Clams (June)
- Fall Festival (October)

**Other**

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Volunteer opportunities may vary by season and weather or be limited by number of available staff.

Animal Hall volunteer must be 16 years old or older, all other volunteers must be at least 18 years old or older. Some exceptions apply.

We highly value all of our volunteers and welcome anyone who would like to become involved in the Earthplace community, however, some volunteer opportunities require regular or weekly commitment. If you are interested in a one-time volunteer opportunity, have community service hours you need to complete, would like to schedule a group volunteer day of service, or would like to hear about other opportunities to volunteer at Earthplace, please contact the volunteer coordinator at [volunteers@earthplace.org](mailto:volunteers@earthplace.org) or 203-557-4400.

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Signature

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Date

Thank you for your interest in becoming part of the Earthplace Team!