

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF TEXAS

YOUTH VOLUNTEER
PARENTAL RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Youth under 18 years must have a parental release & acknowledgement signed before participation as a volunteer.

I, _____, have signed the following RELEASE and ACKNOWLEDGMENT on this the _____ day of _____, to acknowledge my understanding of the conditions of voluntary service for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the minor child named below, henceforth entitled “the youth”, for whom I am the legal parent/guardian.

1. I ACKNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTAND that if the youth is volunteering as a part of a court-ordered community service, I will provide a copy of said order to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and I ACKNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTAND that the opportunity for the youth to volunteer may be denied dependent upon the nature of the offense for which the court order was issued.
2. I ACKNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTAND that the youth is volunteering services to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department without any express or implied promise by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for compensation of services, and I ACKNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTAND that the youth will not receive payment or remuneration of any kind, including but not limited to salary, reimbursement for transportation, parking, travel or any other expenses whatsoever which may be incidental to the youth’s services as a volunteer for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
3. I ACKNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTAND that the youth is not an employee of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
4. I ACKNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTAND that the youth is not entitled to any benefits normally associated with employment, including but not limited to Worker’s Compensation, retirement and leave accrual.
5. I ACKNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTAND that there has been, and will be, no promise of future employment with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
6. I ACKNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTAND that the youth is not an agent of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and will not make any commitment on behalf of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to third parties.
7. I ACKNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTAND that services as a volunteer can be terminated at any time by me on behalf of the youth or by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

8. I ACKNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTAND, and PROMISE that I will indemnify and hold harmless the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for any loss, harm, or damage experienced by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, its employees or any third parties that may be caused by an act of the youth, or the youth's failure to act, in the performance of volunteer services for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
9. I ACKNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTAND that the youth will not be allowed to operate a motor vehicle in the performance of volunteer services for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
10. I ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND that Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will comply with all laws regarding child labor.
11. I ACKNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTAND that the youth must conform to the rules and regulations of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
12. I have been advised and I UNDERSTAND that this ACKNOWLEDGMENT is in addition to, and does not supplant, any agreement between the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the volunteer's sponsoring agency, if any, and the youth must conform to the terms of any such agreement to the extent it is applicable to the youth's performance of volunteer service for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

I further ACKNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTAND that the foregoing terms of this document, entitled, "YOUTH VOLUNTEER PARENTAL RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT" in no way constitute a contract, either express or implied, but simply constitutes an acknowledgment of my understanding of the nature of the youth's services to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

I further ACKNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTAND that my signature authorizes the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to render aid and/or seek necessary emergency treatment for the youth, if there should be a serious illness or accident. I further ACKNOWLEDGE and UNDERSTAND that Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will first attempt to contact me and/or the alternate emergency contact and/or the youth's physician prior seeking emergency treatment at an urgent care facility.

Youth Volunteer Name (Printed)	Youth Volunteer Signature	Date
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Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)	Relationship to Youth Volunteer
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Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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Home Phone	Work Phone	Cell Phone	