



Volunteer Information and Risk Assumption

The Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 grants immunity from personal liability to those who volunteer for nonprofit organizations. NOVA Parks' volunteers fall under this protection as afforded by law. Volunteers who perform tasks as directed by NOVA Parks are free from personal liability in the event that personal injury or harm occurs to another individual, group, or organization whenever such injury or harm comes as a result of the NOVA Parks directed tasks.

Volunteers of NOVA Parks can be held personally liable in certain situations. As noted by the Volunteer Protection Act, circumstances under which personal liability can occur include the following:

- Willful or Criminal Misconduct
- Reckless Misconduct
- Conscious, Flagrant Indifference to The Rights or Safety of The Claimant
- Any Harm Resulting from The Operation of A Vehicle

All volunteers should receive explicit directions on the tasks that they are to complete. Volunteers who expect to remain under the protection of the Volunteer Protection Act should complete only tasks directed by NOVA Parks or its representatives.

The Volunteer Protection Act does not prevent individuals from filing suit against a volunteer. However, it does likely ensure that the suit against a volunteer who was acting in accordance with the act will be dismissed.

Each NOVA Parks volunteer should review the above information and sign that he or she has read this document. The volunteer agrees to perform his or her duties within the confines of federal law, state law, local law, and the Volunteer Protection Act.

Volunteers are not employees of the NOVA Parks. Volunteers are not eligible for workers compensation. It is highly recommended that any volunteer retain health insurance coverage to cover any injuries sustained working as a volunteer.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THE ENTIRE LETTER AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS ITS CONTENTS, AND SIGNS IT VOLUNTARILY.

Volunteer's Name: _____ Date: _____

Volunteer's Signature: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____

FOLLOWING SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED IF PARTICIPANTS IS A MINOR

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Signature: _____

Relationship: _____

Park Authority Representative: _____ Date: _____

Representative Signature: _____