

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at the Rio Grande Nature Center!

We have a wonderful community of volunteers and support staff at the Park. We are happy that you are considering joining us!

There are many diverse areas where you may volunteer. We have a few simple steps that must be completed to become an RGNC Volunteer.

1. All volunteers must be members of the Friends of the Rio Grande Nature Center (FRGNC or "Friends"). The membership provides you with an annual parking permit for the Park, 10% discount in the Nature Shop, discounts off programs, and our quarterly Bosque Tracks newsletter. Membership helps contribute toward volunteer activities, supplies, and other Park needs.
2. You will need to complete and return the Volunteer Application and Agreement forms. Please include 2 references.
3. Next, your references will be contacted and a background check completed by Park staff.
4. After steps 1-3 are completed, we will talk on the phone or in person and discuss your area(s) of interest. You will be given a NM State Parks Volunteer Handbook and Training Manual.
5. The New Volunteer Training is offered three times a year and is mandatory for all new volunteers. Please check with the Volunteer Coordinator for upcoming training dates.
6. We continue to provide professional development and continuing education opportunities, as well as community building events, throughout the year to keep you connected, informed, and engaged.

We are looking forward to receiving your application and discussing the exciting and enriching volunteer opportunities at the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park!

Sincerely,

Volunteer Coordinator
Friends of the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park
www.rgnc.org
Friends' office: 505-343-1373
Park phone: 505-344-7240

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Rio Grande Nature Center State Park Day Volunteer

Personal Profile

Applicant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

How did you hear about volunteering with us? _____

Preferences

When are you typically available to volunteer?

☐ Weekdays

☐ Weekends

☐ Mornings (9am-12:30pm)

☐ Afternoons (12:30pm-4pm)

What volunteer opportunities interest you?

☐ Visitor Center Front Desk

☐ Festival Organizing

☐ Maintenance

☐ Education

☐ Gardening

☐ Restoration

☐ Nature Shop Sales

☐ Administration

☐ Research/Monitoring

☐ Bird Feeding

Professional Experience

Are you:

☐ Employed & if so, please list occupation/employer? _____

☐ Student & if so, please list school/area of study: _____

☐ Retired/unemployed & if so, prior occupation: _____

What special skills, qualifications, and experience do you have that you would like to use in a volunteer position? Please check all that apply:

☐ Computers & Technology

☐ Early Childhood Education

☐ K-12th Grade Education

☐ Adult Education

☐ Fine Art

☐ Performing Art

☐ Construction

☐ Statistics/Surveys

☐ Biology

☐ Geology

☐ Hydrology

☐ Gardening & Horticulture & Landscaping

Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department
New Mexico State Parks Division
State of New Mexico
505-476-3355

- ☐ Public Speaking
- ☐ Mechanics
- ☐ Graphic Design
- ☐ Event Coordination

- ☐ Writing & Editing
- ☐ Other skills: _____

References

Please provide one professional and one personal reference and their contact information.

Reference 1:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Reference 2:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Accommodation & Accessibility Requests

Is there anything you would like us to know about your needs or abilities, physical or otherwise?

Additional Comments:

Please be advised that the State Parks Division will perform a background check including review of Sex Offender Registries, which will be reason to reject a Volunteer Application.

Volunteer Signature

Date

Official Use:

- Approved
- Rejected – By: _____ Reason: _____

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