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VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FORM

Welcome to the Connecticut Forest & Park Association! Volunteers play a vital role in CFPA's work, and we appreciate your interest in supporting our conservation efforts. Please take a moment to fill out the form below and on the reverse side of the page. This information will help us to identify your specific areas of interest, as well as the times that you are available.

NAME _____ Date: _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EVE/WEEKEND PHONE _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____ FAX _____

BEST FORM OF CONTACT (circle): CELL# DAYTIME # EVE # E-MAIL

OCCUPATION _____

IF STUDENT, FIELD OF STUDY _____

How did you hear about CFPA? _____

Are you a CFPA member? Yes No

If not, would you like membership information? Yes No

AVAILABILITY (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekdays | <input type="checkbox"/> Year-round | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturdays | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring | <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sundays | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer | <input type="checkbox"/> On-call |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daytime | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall | Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evening | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter | |

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CONTACT:

Name _____ Relationship to You _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening/Weekend Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Thank you for making a difference! Your time and assistance are important in the work to conserve Connecticut's natural resources, trails and working lands. You are needed for trails work, education programs, administrative support, public outreach and much, much more. Please **see the reverse side** of this form for details about CFPA's Volunteer Opportunities. **We need you!**

ABOUT CFPA

The mission of Connecticut Forest & Park Association (CFPA) is to conserve the land, trails and natural resources of Connecticut. Founded in 1895, CFPA is the oldest conservation organization in Connecticut. A non-profit, non-government, membership organization, CFPA is dedicated to the conservation of land and natural resources of Connecticut through education, advocacy and stewardship. CFPA believes it is its responsibility to future generations to ensure the sustainable and prudent use of Connecticut's woodlands, farms and wildlife habitats. A key focus is the operation and maintenance of the growing 800-mile Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System, the embodiment of an historic objective to bring people together with their natural surroundings.

Return completed form to CFPA, 16 Meriden Rd, Rockfall, CT 06481
or fax: 860-347-7463

CFPA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please check off areas of interest.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE/FIELD WORK

Let your love of the outdoors and hiking help the trails. Assist in the maintenance of the 700+ mile Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail System. Light pruning, removal of debris and painting blazes are typical tasks. Work with a CFPA Trail Manager on a Blue Trail near you, or assist CFPA's Roving Trail Crews as they undertake major projects, such as bridge-building and trail construction. If you are a regular Blue Trail hiker, become a Trail Monitor and report trail hazards/conditions on a simple form that we provide.

TRAILS PROTECTION

Are you interested in research? Do you enjoy a sense of discovery? Research landowner records at town halls; assist with collecting and entering trail and property data into our Geographic Information System (GIS) program and work with local planning, zoning and conservation agencies to monitor proposed development on and around Blue Trail corridors. Help enhance CFPA's long-term trail protection strategy!

EDUCATION/FAMILY HIKE PROGRAM

Do you enjoy sharing your connection to the land with others? Do you prefer spending time outdoors rather than inside? Bring your enthusiasm for the environment to CFPA and assist with adult programs, scout badge workshops, after-school, youth and family programs. Become a trained Family Hike Leader and lead family hikes along the Blue-Blazed Hiking Trail or assist with the creation of the Blue-Trail letterboxing activity.

LIBRARY & ARCHIVAL ASSISTANCE

Lend a hand if you are a lover of books with good organizational skills. The Camp-Ellsworth Library, located at CFPA Headquarters, holds a fine collection of books, periodicals and videos relating to forestry, hiking, natural history and other environmental topics. As the oldest conservation organization in CT, CFPA has also acquired a generous collection of photos, slides and other historical documents. Your behind-the-scenes help with these treasures includes cataloguing, annotating and preserving.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

If you prefer tackling one-time jobs and can spare an occasional weekday morning or afternoon, join us to help with membership mailings and general office tasks such as data entry, word processing and filing. Many of these tasks are ongoing and can be undertaken at your convenience during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

PUBLICATIONS

Are you an artist or photographer? Do you have writing or editing experience? These are just a small sampling of the skills we look for from volunteers who are interested in providing hands-on assistance with CFPA's publications and informational brochures. If you can write engagingly about natural history, hiking the Blue Trails, conservation issues and other environmental topics, we'd like to hear from you. If you have recent photographs or sketches depicting the best of Connecticut's outdoors or scenic Blue Trail vistas, we would like to consider them for publication in future issues of our quarterly journal, *Connecticut Woodland*, or for use on CFPA's official website, www.ctwoodlands.org. Do you like to talk about your experiences? Enter the internet world of blogging and share your outdoor adventures on <http://ctwoodlands.blogspot.com>. A blogspot is a type of online journal filled with reflections, thoughts and opinions. Anyone can chime in!

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Are you a "people-person?" Do you like to travel around Connecticut and meet others? Bring your outgoing personality around the state to represent and promote the Association at agricultural and environmental fairs, Earth Day and Trails Day activities and similar events. Place flyers, brochures and other CFPA marketing material at libraries, information kiosks and other venues.

SKILLS/EXPERIENCE (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Hike Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing/Editing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cartography | <input type="checkbox"/> Working w/children/families | <input type="checkbox"/> Photographer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering/Compass | <input type="checkbox"/> Artist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GPS/GIS | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Word Processing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Record Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Botany | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Entry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boundary Monitoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology | <input type="checkbox"/> Filing/Sorting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Birding | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural History | <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty_____ | |

EQUIPMENT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Tools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chain Saw |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4-WD Vehicle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Computer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Still Camera |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Camera |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other_____ |

For office records: Program: _____
Notes: _____

Assigned staff member: _____

Training date: _____