



VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT & INDEMNIFICATION FOR PESTICIDE APPLICATION
(please print)

Volunteer Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Home Address: _____

Sponsoring Agency: _____

Assigned Site(s)/County: _____

I. OBJECTIVE:

To assist on a voluntary basis in the stewardship of Illinois natural areas and nature preserves in public and private ownership by applying pesticides as prescribed by the owner or managers of the site (nature preserve, land and water reserve or other natural area).

II. QUALIFICATIONS:

- A. For any pesticide application the volunteer must possess a valid Illinois Pesticide Applicator's License, or have a valid Illinois Pesticide Operator's License under the supervision of a person holding a valid Illinois Pesticide Applicator's License.
- B. The volunteer must demonstrate an appreciation of natural areas and endangered/threatened species, the willingness and ability to work outdoors under varying environmental conditions, the ability to work with the owner/manager of the site, and the ability to work as a team member with other volunteers and professionals.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Any pesticide application must be done in accordance with the Illinois Pesticide Act and related policies of the owner or manager of the site. Pesticide application on dedicated Nature Preserves or registered Land and Water Reserves must follow the "Rules for Management of Illinois Nature Preserves".
- B. All use of pesticides on nature preserves or natural areas by volunteers shall be conducted during daylight hours, except for circumstances where wind velocity is found to be minimal before sunrise and after sunset, providing conditions which are best for minimizing drift of pesticides during a specific spray application.

IV. LIABILITY:

The volunteer and sponsoring organization recruiting and/or overseeing the activities of the volunteer may be indemnified for liability incurred as the result of activities conducted within the scope of their duties, except for any act or omission which was not within the scope of the volunteer's or sponsoring organization's activities for the State or was intentional, willful or wanton misconduct (5 ILCS 350).

V. PERIOD OF AGREEMENT/SEPARATION:

This agreement goes into effect at the time of execution and expires on **31 December 2018**. The services of a volunteer may be terminated by the site supervisor, the owner/manager of the nature preserve or natural area, the sponsoring organization or the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, if the volunteer fails to apply pesticides as directed or violates the "Rules for Management of Illinois Nature Preserve", the "Illinois Pesticide Act" or policies of the landowner, or if the volunteer uses the herbicide license indemnified through this program for any commercial purpose.

VI. BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE TERMS AND PROVISIONS AND WILL FOLLOW THEM.

VOLUNTEER DATE

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR SPONSORING AGENCY DATE

DIRECTOR, ILLINOIS NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION DATE