



McDowell Sonoran Conservancy Steward Application

Mission Statement

The McDowell Sonoran Conservancy champions the sustainability of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve for the benefit of this and future generations. As stewards, we connect the community to the Preserve through education, research, advocacy, partnership and safe, respectful access.

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Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Preferred Name or Nickname for Badge _____

Cell Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip, Country _____

Alternate address _____

Date of Birth _____

T-Shirt Size: Unisex (M/F) Small Medium Large Extra Large

Emergency contact: Name _____ Phone _____

Do you require special accommodations that may affect your ability to participate in activities in the Preserve? Yes No

If yes, please describe _____

What are your interests in volunteering with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy?

(List) _____

List any previous volunteer experience (include approximate dates, location and duties)

(List) _____

Expectations of Stewardship

Steward volunteers are expected to contribute in four key areas: Time, Leadership, Support and Financial. While there are no annual membership dues required, Stewards are expected to contribute a minimum average of 5 hours and \$5 monthly. Stewards donate time, leadership and support through participation in the opportunities offered by the 11 Steward Programs and multiple events and other activities.

Steward Programs

Participation in multiple programs and various activities provides a broader range of experience, greater satisfaction, a deeper knowledge, and better understanding and appreciation of the Preserve. Participation through the Conservancy's 11 programs enables Stewards to 'give back' in ways that are meaningful.

You will learn much more about these programs and how you can contribute through your Mentor and at the New Steward Orientation. Please consider all of the programs which might be of interest to you by checking below:

CITIZEN SCIENCE

Volunteers participate in research, fieldwork, or program support activities that focus on the Preserve's natural resources.

CONSERVANCY WOMEN

Conservancy Women is a friend-raising and fund-raising group supporting the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy. For an annual donation of \$100.00 or more to the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, participants have opportunities for learning, giving back, having fun and making new friends with Conservancy Women.

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Crews perform trail and trailhead maintenance, land restoration activities, and other work necessary to keep the Preserve open for everyone to enjoy.

□ **EDUCATION**

The Conservancy's core education program encompasses the Natural and Human History of the Preserve. It is designed to inform stewards and the general public, and enhance awareness and a greater understanding of the Preserve.

□ **GUIDED HIKE & BIKE**

Volunteers serve as leaders or assistants to ensure that visitors can enjoy and learn about the natural resources of the Preserve in a safe manner while hiking or riding mountain bikes.

□ **PASTFINDERS**

PastFinders connect the community to the Conservancy and the Preserve by researching, preserving and protecting the historical heritage of the McDowell Mountain region. PastFinders educate Conservancy Stewards and the public regarding human activities, ancient to modern, through publications, lectures, informational hikes and other appropriate forums.

□ **PATHFINDERS**

These trailhead hosts and ambassadors welcome visitors to the Preserve and inform them about its trails, biology and conservation value.

□ **PATROL**

Volunteers monitor hundreds of miles on □ foot, □ mountain bike, or □ horseback, providing information about trail conditions for both safety and sustainability.

□ **NATURE GUIDES**

Stewards provide the community opportunities to learn about the value, significance, and wonders of the Preserve through interactive tours and trailside learning.

□ **PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY**

In order for the Conservancy to continue to achieve its critical mission of championing the sustainability of the Preserve, it must itself be sustainable. Program Sustainability implements initiatives to create and maintain a sustainable organization.

□ **STEWARD DEVELOPMENT**

Steward Development supports activities that develop, mentor, train, recognize, support and engage stewards to become skilled and accomplished champions of the Preserve.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Conservancy has volunteer opportunities in a multitude of services, both indoor and outdoor and needs your support. What experience can you offer? (see list of needs and programs below). Check all areas that apply:

- Fundraising Grant Writing Photography Technical Support
- Excel, Word, PowerPoint Digital Marketing Graphic Design Writing
- Administrative/Office Support Public Speaking Social Media Desktop Publishing
- Other (please describe) _____

The following outlines the Conservancy's liability and medical coverage responsibility for volunteers.

Liability

A volunteer is included in the definition of "City personnel" within the meaning of a law that protects City of Scottsdale employees from liability. The law provides that "City personnel . . . are immune from suit in courts of the City/State and from liability in tort for a tortious act or omission that is within the scope of the public duties of the City personnel and is made without malice or gross negligence." Thus, the City will represent and defend a volunteer sued for commission of a tortious act provided the volunteer's conduct falls within the stated limitations: the act is committed (a) within the scope of the volunteer's service, (b) without malice, and (c) without gross negligence.

Medical Insurance Coverage

A volunteer worker for a unit of City government is a covered employee under the Arizona Workers' Compensation Act; specifying that, for certain purposes, the City is the employer of a certain volunteer worker; limiting the benefits provided to a volunteer worker to medical services and treatment under Subtitle 6, Part IX for a compensable injury. If a steward is injured in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve while performing assigned duties for the City of Scottsdale, a Notice of Injury report needs to be completed within 24 hours of that injury in order to be covered under the City's workman's compensation.

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The City uses this to complete a background check. After the City receives your application, you will receive a secure web link where you can enter your private information.

Photo Release

I release any claim toward the Conservancy concerning the use of any film or photograph which contains or may contain my image. The Conservancy has explicit permission to use any film, or photo as it sees fit for the purpose of historical records, marketing, advertising or promotional materials without limitation or further compensation.

McDowell Sonoran Conservancy Liability Waiver

In consideration of being allowed participation in activities associated with being a steward with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy (the Conservancy), I, the undersigned, personally do hereby waive, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims for damages, losses, demands, recoveries, suits, payments, actions and judgments of every nature and description, which may hereafter accrue to me against the Conservancy, its officers, agents, representatives, employees, and assigns, in connection with or arising out of participations in these activities.

The provisions of this agreement are understood and agreed to by the Conservancy and the undersigned.

Signature/Date _____

We will contact you to verify our receipt of your application and to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy.

I Agree

The information I have provided on this form is true and accurate.

Signature/Date _____

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____ Interview Date

____ Fee Paid Date

____ Excel Date

____ Email Date

____ Volgistics Date

____ COSa Date

____ COSb Date

____ Mentor Date

Name _____

January 2018