The Raptor Center invites you to volunteer among caring people who share a special purpose. Be surrounded by eagles, hawks, owls and falcons in an environment dedicated to Education, Research, and Conservation. The time you contribute will advance the mission of this internationally-known nonprofit organization. Volunteers are needed and appreciated in the following areas:

**Clinic Crew** - Work with clinic staff, veterinarians from around the world, and other volunteers, assisting in the medicating and feeding of recuperating eagles, owls, hawks, and falcons. Volunteers will often work independently with fellow volunteers to provide treatments and prepare food (this means chopping up mice, rats, etc!). In addition, they help maintain a healthy environment by cleaning cages, washing floors, and doing laundry. Volunteers will learn how to grab birds and restrain them safely during exams and treatments.

**HOURS**: Volunteers commit to one four-hour shift per week (same day and same time each week), for one year. Shifts typically run 8:30am-Noon and 4:00pm-8:00pm.

**Flight Crew** - Help with the physical conditioning of recovering raptors, exercising the birds and assessing their abilities as they regain their flight skills. Volunteers will often work independently with fellow volunteers, to exercise those birds on the “flight” list. The goal is to have the birds exercised in the halls or outside, a minimum of three times each week to enhance their recovery and speed their release. When not exercising the birds, volunteers help maintain a healthy environment by cleaning cages and washing floors.

**HOURS**: Volunteers commit to one four-hour shift per week (same day and same time each week). Shifts typically run 8:00am-Noon.

**Education Crew** - Present the mission of TRC to the public and play a vital role in teaching visitors about raptors, their place in the environment, their biology, and how humans impact them. General crew functions include greeting the public, informal “walk-through” tours, light maintenance of bird areas, food preparation, and keeping public areas orderly and presentable. Educators receive on-going education to improve their knowledge (seasonal info, new studies, and regional updates) as well as attend a monthly education meeting. Promotion to Bird Handler is achieved as skills are developed and when a defined need for a handler arises.

**HOURS**: Volunteers commit to one four-hour shift per week for one year, (same day and same time each week). Shifts typically run Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-Noon and 12:00-4:00pm, and on Saturday-Sunday 12:00pm – 4:00pm.

**Transport Volunteer** - Transport caged or contained raptors to and from TRC. Trips are typically to and from the airport, special events, or private homes where injured birds have been found.

**HOURS**: On-call, as arranged through direct contact by TRC staff.

**Special Events Crew** - Volunteers are responsible for transporting, setting up and taking down displays (with staff help), staffing membership tables, merchandise tables, and program information booths at public events, as well as at on-site events. Scheduled programs annual public bird releases, annual open houses, and a variety of public exhibits throughout the year.

**HOURS**: This position requires commitment to working on Special Events as they occur (at least one
Development/Office Assistant - Help the eagles, owls, hawks and falcons treated by TRC by volunteering doing clerical/administrative tasks. Basic computer skills and good organizational ability are useful.
HOURS: Volunteers commit to four hours per week, Monday thru Friday, mornings or afternoons.

Carpentry/Maintenance Crew - Volunteers with some carpentry skills are needed to work independently on repair and maintenance of cages, perches, and traveling cages. Volunteers are also needed for construction of these and other projects based on designs that TRC will provide. All materials will be provided.
HOURS: Volunteers commit to three hours per week as projects dictate. Mornings or afternoons preferred.

Lobby Assistance Crew - Volunteers play a vital role in making visitors feel welcome. They provide on-depth information and history of The Raptor Center to the public and direct them to the appropriate program or meeting. They also assist with administrative projects and the sale of merchandise.
HOURS: Volunteers commit to one four-hour shift a week, for a minimum of three months. Shifts typically run Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-Noon and 12:00-4:00pm, and on Saturday-Sunday 12:00pm – 4:00pm.

Hospitality Crew - Volunteers will meet and greet visitors traveling from other states and countries to spend time at the Raptor Center. Responsibilities include picking up the visitor from the airport, transporting them to their lodging, and familiarizing them with the local area amenities (grocery store, bus line, etc.).
HOURS: As needed, generally not more than 3-4 times a year.

Spic and Span Crew - Volunteers can help keep the clinic areas, halls and steps tidied up with a mop, broom and dust cloth. No necessary skills other than a desire to improve the appearance of the area and the ability to move cleaning implements around.
HOURS: Volunteers commit to three hours a week, preferably early evenings and week-ends.

General Requirements for TRC Volunteers:
Must be 18 years of age or older, (Some event volunteers may be 14–17, if supervised)
Willing to commit to a regular schedule for a minimum of one year
Most crews require health insurance, an insurance waiver, and an up-to-date tetanus vaccination
Some tasks may require valid driver’s license with a good driving record and proof of car insurance

For more information about volunteer opportunities,
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