



GRCA Volunteer Program

Volunteer Work Day/Event (Unaccompanied Youth, Ages 13-17)

Informed Consent Agreement, Liability Waiver & Assumption of Risk

EVENT : _____ LOCATION: _____ DATE: _____

YOUTH VOLUNTEER PARTICIPANT (MINOR) INFORMATION: (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____ HOME PHONE #: _____

_____ CELL PHONE #: _____

EMAIL: _____ PARTICIPANT AGE: _____ (min. 13 years)

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

RELATION TO VOLUNTEER: _____ CONTACT NUMBER: _____

ATTENTION PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS:

Please read the TERMS AND CONDITIONS and VOLUNTEER RELEASE statements below. Signed acknowledgement and agreement to these terms is required for event participation.

Volunteer Event terms and conditions:

- A youth volunteer is any person under the age of 18 participating in or attending at any GRCA volunteer event regardless of the type or duration of activity.
 - Volunteers ages 13 to 17 may attend Volunteer Work Day events without a parent or guardian present, but MUST provide an *Unaccompanied Youth - Informed Consent Agreement, Liability Waiver and Assumption of Risk Form* signed by a parent or guardian and present it prior to participating in any volunteer event.
 - Volunteers 12 years of age or under MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian in order to participate in any GRCA volunteer event.
- Volunteer events are subject to all Conservation Area rules and regulations, the GRCA's safety standards and other applicable policies.
- Volunteer Participants are required to attend site orientations and safety talks before the start of any planned activity or volunteer work.
- Volunteer Participants have the right to refuse work they believe to be unsafe.
- GRCA, solely or in partnership, agrees to provide volunteers, as much as possible, with a safe and accommodating volunteer work environment. The GRCA will provide volunteers with a site orientation, health and safety overviews, appropriate training or instruction, and appropriate safety equipment.
- Volunteer Participants are required to provide a minimum standard of safety equipment for themselves, including, but not limited to: appropriate clothing and footwear, sun hat, sun screen, bug repellent or other items required for being in the out-of-doors for an extended period.
- Volunteer Participants agree to report all personal injuries or property damage, no matter how slight, to the event supervisor.

Volunteer release, assumption of risk, waiver of liability, indemnity and consent to medical treatment

I, the minor's parent or legal guardian, execute this release on behalf of the volunteer participant in favour of the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA), its subsidiaries and affiliates and each of its respective officers, directors, employees and agents (herein after collectively known as the "Released Parties").

Assumption of Risk: Participation in the Event involves various risks including, but not limited to: inclement weather, physical labour, hand-tool use and walking over rough terrain in water or watercourses. I hereby acknowledge, understand and freely assume all such risks including the



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possibility of minor personal injury; serious personal injury; death; property loss; or, property damage resulting from the minor’s participation in the Event.

Consent to Medical Treatment: I hereby give permission to the Released Parties, or any one or more of them, to arrange for any first aid or emergency medical care for the minor including hospitalization and transportation if necessary, while participating in the Event. This authorization does not require a prior determination of a threat or danger of serious permanent injury. I take full responsibility for this authorization and agree to be responsible for all costs associated with medical care and transportation.

Release: On the minor’s account, I hereby release and forever discharge the Released Parties, or any one or more of them, from any and all actions, suits, fines, contracts, covenants, debts, claims and demands of whatsoever nature and kind, including without limitation, in whole or in part by the negligence of the Released Parties or otherwise, for damages, indemnity, costs, compensation or any other remedy which the minor’s successors, heirs, administrators or assigns may have for any claims of liability, personal injury, loss of life, property loss or property damage of any kind or nature, arising out of or sustained in the course of the minor’s participation in the Event.

Indemnity: I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Released Parties, or any one or more of them, from any and all liability, loss, claims, demands, fines, damages, costs and expense, including reasonable legal fees, due to any personal injury or property damage to any third party arising out of or sustained in the course of the minor’s participation in the Event.

Authorization for Photo, Audio and/or Video Use and Release: I agree to grant permission for photos, audio and/or video recording (collectively, the “Recordings”) of the minor’s participation in the Event for the sole purpose of promoting the GRCA. I consent to the display, publication and/or sharing of these Recordings, accompanied by his/her name, on any websites, social media channels, publications, reports, newsletters, brochures or other promotional material associated with the GRCA. I also consent to the filing of these Recordings (print or electronic) in a resource library for future use. In providing this consent, I acknowledge that these recordings may be edited, and may be widely circulated to the public in print or electronic form. I hereby waive any rights of compensation or ownership, and give full copyright of these photographs, audio and/or video to the GRCA.

AS THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF (YOUTH PARTICIPANT/MINOR’S NAME)

_____, I HAVE AGREED TO THE ABOVE VOLUNTEER TERMS AND CONDITIONS, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT, RELEASE, INDEMNITY AND PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICIPANT. I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP CERTAIN RIGHTS AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

_____ Parent/Legal Guardian Name (please print)	_____ Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian	_____ Date(dd/mm/yyyy)
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