



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Do you enjoy seeing the wildlife in their natural habitat?**

**Do you want to contribute to a worthwhile endeavor in the community?**

**Are you interested in becoming part of a group dedicated to the preservation and protection of the habitat of South Padre Island and the Birding and Nature Center?**

**Do you enjoy the prospect of being with people who share your interest?**

**Are you willing to spend a few hours a week lending your knowledge and experience to the visitors to the center?**

If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center could be the opportunity you are looking for. We have needs to meet in many areas of the center's operation, including administrative duties, gift shop inventory and sales, educational and interpretational programs, and general assistance at the center.

Training will be available to all new applicants, so please fill out this application and return it completed to the reception desk. One of our staff will contact you for an appointment to decide where you feel you will be most comfortable and most fulfilled in a volunteer position.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our family of bird and nature lovers.

In connection with my choice to volunteer with the South Padre Island Birding & Nature Center, I understand that investigative inquires on my background, in accordance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act and all state and federal laws, are to be made on me, including information as to my residency, general reputation, performance, experience and other qualities pertinent to volunteering in a public facility.

I understand that the South Padre Island Birding & Nature Center and/or First Check (the SPI BNC's contracted research firm) may make inquires, including but not limited to my education, professional licensing, consumer credit history, and criminal history and driving history. Furthermore, I understand that the SPI BNC and/or First Check may request information from various federal, state and other agencies that maintain records concerning my past driving history, credit history, criminal history, military history, civil and other experiences.

I understand that according to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, I am entitled to know if employment is denied because of information obtained by my perspective employer from a Consumer Reporting Agency. Upon written request, I will be informed whether an investigative consumer report was requested and will be given full information as to the nature and the scope of the investigation, as well as the name of the reporting agency or sources of information.

In spite of the above, I am still interested in volunteering with the SPI BNC, and authorize, without reservation, any party (including but not limited to employers, law enforcement agencies, state agencies, institutions and private information bureaus or repositories) contacted by the SPI BNC or First Check to furnish any or all of the above mentioned information. In addition, I hereby release First Check and SPI BNC from any and all liability for damages arising from the investigation and disclosure of the requested information. I further release and discharge all liability from all companies, agencies, officials, officers, employees and other persons who in good faith provide the SPI BNC and/or First Check the above mentioned information as requested in order to successfully complete a background investigation for my application to volunteer. I will allow a photocopy of this authorization to be as valid as the original.

Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No. : \_\_\_\_\_ \* Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Driver's License No: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Date of Birth is requested only for the purpose of identification in obtaining accurate retrieval of records, and will not be used for discriminatory purposes. Fax to First Check at: 888-213-9341 / 817-887-1467