



Raptor Rescue & Rehabilitation • Public Educational Experiences

Volunteer Application

The Talon Trust, Inc. (TTT) is an Indiana not-for-profit, 501c3 organization dedicated to the conservation of native raptors through raptor rescue, rehabilitation, and release, and public educational experiences. TTT rescues injured and orphaned raptors from the SW Indiana region, and does everything possible to rehabilitate the birds for release. Those birds that cannot be released may be placed for educational service. The Talon Trust volunteers help with public inquiries, emergency retrieval and transport of birds in need, daily feeding and medical care, and releases of raptors back to the wild. TTT volunteers may also conduct educational program experiences with live education birds throughout the year to both public and private audiences.

We accept applications for entry into our volunteer program year-round, but we onboard new volunteers only once per year in late winter (Jan.). Applications will be reviewed by the TTT Board of Directors in early Jan., and candidates will be selected and contacted for an interview. Candidates need not have prior raptor experience, but should demonstrate capability for commitment, availability, passion, and professionalism for the program.

Applicants selected to become volunteers for TTT must submit all required forms, attend scheduled training sessions, and abide by all TTT rules and regulations as stated in the TTT Volunteer Handbook. Volunteers will be required to train for their desired level of involvement. Level 1: rescues; Level 2: daily care; and Level 3: handling for programs. Upon completion of the training you receive, we ask that you commit to an average of two hours per week for at least one year with the program.

To apply:

Complete and submit the application to:

Lauren Norvell, President

The Talon Trust – 8480 Hogue Rd. Evansville, IN 47712

Or lnorvell@TheTalonTrust.org

Questions? Email or Call 812-319-6875

2023 dates:

Applications accepted through Jan. 4, 2023.

Interviews will be conducted early January.

Class begins mid-January



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Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

Interest

How did you find out about the Talon Trust, Inc?

Do you know any of our volunteers? If so, who?

Please describe why you are interested in becoming a volunteer?

Availability

All of our volunteers help with rescues. They take turns answering the rescue cell phone, coordinate rescues among the team members, or go on rescue themselves. Please tell us about your availability to help with this service. Describe your typical work & family schedule, and how much time and flexibility you may have to help.



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Experience & Talents

Our all-volunteer organization needs talented people for every aspect of running a not for profit animal rescue - from interacting with the public, to rescuing wild birds, to maintaining online media and marketing, to talking to groups, to performing medical care, to training birds, and much more. We do not require certain education or experiences, and we provide training, but we would like to know what talents you could bring to the organization.

What is your current occupation?

What talents can you lend to the many facets of running an animal rescue?

Please briefly describe any paid or volunteer exotic / wild animal experience.

Please describe any public presentation or teaching experience.

What is your comfort level speaking with various audiences (type, size, ages)?



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Acknowledgement

Your signature below indicates your interest in applying for The Talon Trust, Inc. volunteer program and your willingness to comply with TTT policies and procedures, and training and service requirements, as stated above and in the TTT Volunteer Handbook. Your signature below also indicates your acknowledgement that as a representative of The Talon Trust, Inc. you agree to conduct yourself in a professional manner and abide by all rules and regulations as set forth in the TTT Volunteer Handbook, and as stated in the applicable state and federal permit regulations by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date** _____

THANK YOU!

We thank you kindly for applying to our organization. We will be in touch when we are going through applications to prepare for our next new volunteer orientation class at the first of each year. Please feel free to reach out to us to check on your application. You can also watch our website and Facebook page to follow our activities. Thank you for your patience and persistence with our all-volunteer staff.