

RACCOON CREEK WATER QUALITY MONITORING VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Raccoon Creek. We conduct field work year-round and always appreciate extra help while giving you an opportunity to gain watershed restoration experience.

Due to the amount of time necessary to train new volunteers in the field, and because our resources are limited we require a minimum time commitment by our volunteers of 40 hours over three months or students to enroll in an internship course for credit. Volunteers may meet the time/internship commitment through a combination of activities listed below and will likely need to choose a variety due to the seasonal variability of available activities and weather conditions.

Please indicate your volunteer preferences:

_____ **Chemical Water Quality Monitoring & Data Management**

Conducted year-round Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday weather permitting. Hours are normally 8:30 am to 5:00 pm and volunteers would need to be available for the entire day. Data entry is one of the more important things we do so we can analyze and report water quality data. We *always* need help entering our field and lab data into our online database: www.watersheddata.com. Data can be entered in small batches at a time.

_____ **Acid Mine Drainage Project Maintenance**

Conducted year-round. Often occurs Thursdays and Fridays as needed. Half days or full days are available between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm.

_____ **Biological Water Quality Monitoring**

Occurs late June-September or until we complete all of our sites. We will train you to collect macroinvertebrates in the creek. Full days are required and can be Monday-Friday. Hours are typically 8:00 am-5:00 pm. Opportunities also available to connect you with other regional watershed groups.

_____ **Environmental Outreach and Education**

Year-round Raccoon Creek Partnership offers education programs to children and families at our Waterloo Aquatic Education Center, located just outside of New Marshfield, Ohio in the Waterloo Wildlife Area. We need the most help with our week-long summer day camps that typically are held in June and July. Other events occur throughout the year on Saturday mornings or afternoons and a few weekday evenings.

_____ **Raccoon Creek Partnership (RCP)**

RCP is a non-profit organization working toward conservation, stewardship, and restoration of the Raccoon Creek Watershed. Meetings are at 6:30 pm the last Wednesday of the month in either the Waterloo Aquatic Education Center or the Ridges at OU in the winter. You may attend monthly meetings and we sometimes need help tabling with our display at public outreach events.

_____ **Raccoon Creek Water Trail Association (RCWTA)**

RCWTA promotes environmentally responsible recreation through public access and education. There are two public canoe floats held annually and we are working on putting up signage for put-ins and take-outs along the creek. Volunteers are often needed to help with trash clean-ups on the creek or to help promote our map.

Volunteers are also required to sign our Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreements so that you may travel in our vehicles to conduct field work. Once you have indicated your preferences please print, sign, and bring this form when you come to volunteer.

Signature

Date

Print Name _____

Phone Number _____