

Friends of Casco Bay

Volunteer Application



About You

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Daytime phone #: _____ Evening phone #: _____

Cell phone #: _____ Best time to call: _____

Employer & position: _____

Age group: <6-13 14-17 18-24 25-44 45-64 65+

Gender: Male Female

Availability (check all that apply)

Weekdays Weekends Mornings Afternoons Evenings

Your Background

Relevant work & volunteer experience: _____

Educational background: _____

Hobbies/skills: _____

How did you hear about Friends of Casco Bay?

Why are you interested in volunteering with us?

Opportunities for volunteering at Friends of Casco Bay
Please put a check mark next to the opportunities that interest you.

- Water Quality Monitoring:** Our award-winning program engages more than 70 volunteers every year in collecting comprehensive and scientifically-sound data on the health of the Bay. Volunteers are trained in rigorous, EPA-certified sampling methods. Volunteers collect samples twice a day on 10 selected Saturdays, a commitment of about 1½ hours every month. Volunteers test the water for five key parameters — temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, salinity, and Secchi depth (an indication of water clarity).
- Beach Clean Ups:** Beach cleanups are a great way for families, students, and service groups to work together to take care of our fragile marine environment. These are scheduled on an as-needed basis.
- Office Assistance and/or Data Entry:** These tasks include entering detailed information into customized databases for our water quality monitoring or fundraising programs. Other tasks may include assisting with mailings, filing grant information, etc.
- Independent Research Projects:** For those who would like a longer, more self-directed project, we have occasional opportunities for volunteers to research issues or practices that relate to some of our ongoing or future programs.
- Special Events:** Some of our special events include fundraising house parties, a summer institute for educators, and our annual Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival. We often need logistical support for these events such as: set up and clean up, food prep, photo documentation, ushering, etc.
- BayScaping** is an educational program on ecological lawn care practices, given to neighborhood associations, civic clubs, and other community groups. We need Master Gardeners and other “green thumbs” to assist at presentations at neighborhood gatherings, Portland Flower Show, and other events.
- Storm Drain Stenciling** is a hands-on way for volunteers to "take to the streets" and create a greater awareness for reducing stormwater pollution. We loan storm drain stenciling kits to local groups with all the instructions and materials needed to host a stenciling effort in your community.
- Summer Internship:** We offer a limited number of unpaid internships to high school and college students from mid-May to mid-August. Interns typically work on a range of special projects, often involving field research and data entry. Applications due March 1st.
- Oiled Wildlife Response Training:** Friends of Casco Bay and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (Oil Spill Program) solicit area citizens to register to volunteer in the event of an actual oil spill. Interested volunteers could be called upon to assist wildlife biologists with the care and feeding of oiled and/or injured birds, provide clerical support at the designated Volunteer Coordination Center, help build and maintain cages and wading pools for injured birds, and help remove trash from local beaches prior to a spill. By registering as a volunteer, you will be preselected to assist in the event of an actual spill.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Friends of Casco Bay!

Please return this form to:

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