



**VOLUNTEER PROGRAM RELEASE AND WAIVER FOR A MINOR  
(VOLUNTEERS UNDER THE AGE OF 18)**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (“my child”), a volunteer with the City of New York (“City”) acting by and through the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation (“Parks”). Both my child and I agree and accept that when participating in this volunteer program, my child will cooperate promptly and fully with all directions of Parks’ personnel. We also agree to follow all of Parks’ Rules and Regulations, and all applicable City, State, and Federal laws, rules, and regulations. We understand that my child’s failure to behave appropriately may result in being prohibited from further and future participation in this or other Parks volunteer programs.

I understand the nature of the activities that my child will be involved in, including, participation in the various types of activities hosted by Parks, including, but are not limited to:

- **Horticulture:** mulch, rake, weed, and/or plant garden and tree beds; using Parks approved tools (may include, trowels, shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, loppers, hand pruners, etc.)
- **Painting:** paint benches, fencing, park houses, and/or other park fixtures; using latex or oil-based paint and other painting tools (scrapers, rollers, paint mitts, extension poles, etc.)
- **General Clean-up:** debris removal or beach clean-up; using Parks approved tools (may include, shovels, rakes, grabbers, wheelbarrows, etc.)

I represent that my child is physically fit and does not have a medical condition that would restrict him or her from participating in these types of physical activities. I acknowledge that there are risks associated with physical activities of this nature, including the risks of serious bodily injury and death, and I hereby assume all dangers and risks associated therewith for my child.

My child and I understand that he or she is responsible for his or her own behavior, and agree that my child will only perform tasks that he or she feels comfortable and safe doing, and that my child is medically and physically capable of doing. My child and I also understand it is our responsibility to ensure that my child safely travel to and from the volunteer site and, I shall not hold Parks responsible for any injury my child might sustain as a result of his or her travel to and from the volunteer site. In the event that my child is transported by a Parks’ vehicle to a volunteer site, my child agrees to wear his or her seatbelt and follow all recommended safety precautions. I understand that the City will not cover any medical expenses due to injury received through my child’s participation in this volunteer program.

In partial consideration of my child’s acceptance as a participant in this volunteer program, I hereby agree to waive all claims I have or may have against the City for my child, in relation to volunteer programs, and agree to release and hold harmless the City, along with their respective employees, agents, affiliates, sponsors or other representatives, from any and all claims for any and all expenses, personal injury, loss, or damages incurred during or in connection to my child’s participation in this volunteer program.

**I represent that I am the parent/legal guardian of:**

**Minor’s Name (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Legal Guardian Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteers under the age of 18 must either be part of a group with its own adult supervision (maintaining a 1:5 ratio of adults to children), or accompanied by a parent or legal guardian while participating in this program.**