

PART I – Volunteer Project Proposal

Submit this form to the Volunteer Service Project Chair for review by the committee.
Submit to: **Bruce Hill** (euplotes@msn.com)

Or mail to:

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NOTE: The form below is a table. Just tab from cell to cell or click on the box to type your information.

Date of Submission:	June 18, 2009	
Project/Event Name:	Bird Sleuth	
Project Chair (HRCVMN):	Name:	Mike Millin
	Email:	mamilli@attglobal.net
	Phone:	757-258-4724
Person submitting: if other than above	Name:	Sara Lewis
	Email:	Saraelewis@cox.net
	Phone:	757-220-2042
Partner Organization:	<input type="checkbox"/>	State
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local New Quarter Park, York County Parks and Recreation
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
Contact Person/Information: if appropriate	Name:	Molly Nealer
	Email:	Nealem@yorkcounty.gov
	Phone:	757-890-3513
	Address:	P.O. Box 532 Yorktown, VA 23690-0532
Timeframe: Be as specific as possible with date(s) or start and ending times.	<input type="checkbox"/>	One-time event, specify date Sept. 12, Oct.10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, 8-10 a.m.; and day of Williamsburg Bird Count
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brief duration, specify start and ending time
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seasonal
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Continuous

Location(s) Where will the project take place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	One location New Quarter Park, 1000 Lakeshead Dr., Williamsburg, VA
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Several places
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A variety of places
Please identify /explain:		
Type of Event Select all that apply	Descriptors: Select all that apply	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Display/poster at a fair, community program, or workshop
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speaking for a class, club, or public event
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Training or conference presentation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education/interpretation for children
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education/interpretation for adults
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Counts (e.g., bird, butterfly, etc.)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monitoring (e.g., bird nests, water quality, etc.)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildlife Mapping or collecting data
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Habitat restoration, planting, or trail maintenance
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer development or chapter management
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other – Please explain below – Class preparation
Description: What does the project entail? What will participants actually do? If this is a speaking engagement, what is the topic?	Mike will talk about how to identify birds based on Bird Sleuth curriculum materials purchased by York County from Cornell Ornithology Lab during the 8-10 a.m. regular Williamsburg Bird Club walk at New Quarter. He will allow about 30-45 for instruction and 30-45 for bird watching. Observations will be entered in eBird. It will be oriented towards middle-school aged youth. Parents may accompany their kids. I will assist Mike and we will be looking for at least one other volunteer. The 4 Saturdays of learning will culminate in participation in Christmas Bird Count. Numbers of birds counted will be submitted to Williamsburg Bird Club.	
Experience or Training Needed:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No prior experience needed
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prior experience needed or preferred. Please explain below.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Training will be provided. Please give details below
Are minors involved?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

	If so, all volunteers must be trained in working with youth and the Above Suspicion policy.	
Estimated Prep Time: e.g., hours of prep for speaking engagement	8-16 each	Hours
	Mike and I will need to log 2-4 hours per session to prepare. Mike has already spent several hours reviewing and organizing the Bird Sleuth curriculum materials.	
Resources provided: e.g., resources are provided for the volunteers by the partner agency	New Quarter Park purchased the curriculum and provides the shelter for teaching.	
Resources needed: Volunteers or the chapter must provide with cost, if appropriate.	None.	
Safety <u>In an emergency, always call 911!</u>	Will you need the first aid kit?	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No First aid is available at the Park
	If yes, please contact Susan Powell (smapowell@cox.net or 564-4542) to check-out the first aid kit.	
What hazards might the volunteers encounter?		
Falls, insect bites		
How will the risks associated with these hazards be minimized?		
Observe surroundings, wear insect repellent.		
Project Evaluation: How will the project be evaluated both during implementation and after completion?	Will you do any of the following? Select all that apply.	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Collect data and measure change – Count birds
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Use an evaluation (e.g., survey, satisfaction measure)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ask for feedback from participants
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ask for feedback from partner agencies
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Observe and provide feedback to the VMN chapter
<input type="checkbox"/>	This project does not require evaluation	

How will the VMN program be recognized?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other - please give details below
	Will you do any of the following? Select all that apply.	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Collect information or photo for a newspaper article – Submit through York Co. PIO
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Identify possible awards or other recognition given
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other – please give details below

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