



The Bird Rescue Center of Sonoma County

**We need YOUR help to feel all those hungry
mouths!!!**



Hello All!

You are being contacted because your information is on our volunteer sign up sheet. We have a few over-winter mini training sessions so space is on a first-come first-served basis as we match only one trainer volunteer with one new trainee. The reason for this is there is just not as much to do during our winter hours as we no longer have hundreds of babies to feed. They are typically once a week to get you familiar with basically everything but feeding baby birds. We get mostly adult songbirds and raptors over the winter that tend to be a little more medically consuming than the flood of babies in the spring/summer that need our help eating and learning how to be a bird. You would still need to take a potentially abbreviated training session in the spring for baby bird feeding.

Requirements

- Must be 13 years or older
- Attend a free orientation session (not necessary for winter shadow)
- Current BRC paid membership
- Maintain health insurance coverage

- Current tetanus shot
- Complete four 4-hour training sessions (Spring-Summer)
- Rehab volunteers **must** commit to work at least one 4-hour shift per week during Baby Bird Season (May - August)
- 2 hours of continued education each year

What do rehab hospital volunteers do?

- Prepare food for the birds
- Feed, feed, feed the birds! (Nestlings are fed every 30 minutes for 12 hours a day)
- Wash dishes
- Clean up LOTS of bird crap

When is Orientation?

- Typically, the first is in late February and a possible second in May/June
- **If you have put your name and contact information on our volunteer sign-up list, we will contact you when the dates/times are set**
- You can check our website and Facebook page for posted information about upcoming orientation sessions

It's not for everyone:

- People with compromised immune system should NOT volunteer in wildlife rehabilitation.
- It can be physically demanding: you will be on your feet for four (4) hours during the busy season and there is a lot of bending down, carrying, and cleaning involved.
- If the idea of handling live mealworms and dead mice creeps you out, then the rehab hospital is probably not the best job for you.
- **There are other volunteer opportunities at BRC; just ask!**

Can you make a serious commitment?

More than 90% of the work at BRC's hospital is done by volunteers. We ask you to seriously evaluate your schedule and other commitments before joining our volunteer team.

During Baby Bird Season, we have three (3) shifts (8am - Noon, Noon - 4pm, 4pm -8pm) every day (**There are no holidays at BRC!**) . Our winter shifts are 9am-1pm and 1pm-5pm daily. At any given time, some shifts may be full and not taking new volunteers. The times we have available for winter training are:
Tuesdays 9:30a-11:30a

Wednesdays 10a-12p

Sundays 10a-12pm

If you are interested in becoming a winter trainee, please email brcadmin@thebirdrescuecenter.org ASAP. If this is something that no longer interests you, please let us know that as well so we can remove you from the list. If you think you may not be able to work in the rehabilitation hospital but can offer other means of volunteering, let us know that too! There are many aspects of Bird Rescue and we always need help to keep things running smoothly.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Thank you for all you do to make our community a better place!

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