



**NSB TURTLE
TRACKERS**
NEW SMYRNA BEACH MARINE TURTLE CONSERVANCY



Volunteer Application

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Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Cell): _____

Email Address: _____

T-shirt size: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Best phone #: _____ Alternate #: _____

What interests you about volunteering with NSB MTC? _____

Are you willing and able to make a long term commitment to this volunteer group?

As an NSB MTC volunteer, you will be expected to participate in 4 activities per year (for example beach clean ups, educational events, parades, fundraising, sea turtle stranding response)* You must attend the **Spring and Fall Volunteer Meetings** to remain an active member of the group.

***This will allow you to become an integral part of the group, get to know other volunteers and learn vital information. Participation in these events will better prepare you if you choose to seek a spot on the permit as a member of the survey team.**

Please check which activities you are interested in below:

- Adopt-A-Beach Clean Ups:** Volunteers clean one mile of beach (Marianne Clancy Park-13th Ave., NSB) 4 times each year.

- **Educational Events/Parades/Turtle Talks:** Volunteers assist with settings up booths, educating the public about sea turtle conservation, and fundraising. Some of these events include: Turtle Day at the Marine Science Center, Ponce Inlet (April), Seaside Fiesta (June), Christmas Parade (December), and a series of Turtle Talks (Get to Know Your Island) at Esther Street Park. ***This is where we could use the most help! ☺***

- **Sea Turtle Stranding/Salvage:** Volunteers respond to dead, sick, and injured sea turtles that wash ashore and complete reports and/or transport live turtles to the Marine Science Center rehabilitation facility in Ponce Inlet. Volunteers for this activity **MUST:**
 - Be at least 18 years of age
 - Attend *biannual* FWC Stranding/Salvage Workshop

- **Nesting Surveys:** ***There is currently a waiting list for new nest surveyors; active volunteers will be offered survey positions as space on the FWC permits allows.***

Volunteers dedicate 1-2 mornings each week from May-September and undergo extensive training and permitting to assist in sea turtle monitoring on South County Beaches. Volunteers for this activity **MUST:**

- Be at least 18 years of age
 - Attend *annual* HCP Training (April) **and** *biannual* FWC Nesting Workshop (March)
 - Attend ALL *monthly* survey meetings (excused absences only)
 - Have a valid Florida driver’s license (required to operate county vehicles)
 - Be physically fit, including ability to work in extreme heat (at times up to 6 hours), dig large amounts of sand by hand, rake long turtle crawls, use heavy mallets to drive nest stakes into the ground, take measurements, and record accurate scientific information
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By my signature below, I certify that:

1. I understand and acknowledge that my participation in NSB MTC activities is purely voluntary.
2. The information provided above is complete and accurate.
3. I meet the participation criteria, if applicable, and will abide by all requirements set forth by the NSB MTC for those activities in which I participate.
4. I agree to “hold harmless” all of the directors/officers of the NSB MTC from any and all liabilities or damages, including physical injury, arising from my voluntary participation

in NSB MTC programs and activities. I further agree to hold harmless Ecological Associates, Inc. (EAI) and Volusia County, their administrators, officers, employees, agents, divisions, subsidiaries, and members, from any and all liabilities or damages, including personal injury, arising from my voluntary participation in sea turtle nesting surveys. This release of liability is intended to be as broad as allowable under the laws of Florida.

I, _____ (*please print your name*), certify that I have read and understand the conditions of my participation in the New Smyrna Beach Marine Turtle Conservancy and acknowledge that, but for my voluntary execution of this release of liability, the NSB MTC would not allow me to participate, in any capacity, in activities affiliated with or sponsored/supported by the NSB MTC.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

****Please return this application via mail or email to:***

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***Thank you for your support and we look forward to
working with you soon!***