

McDowell Sonoran Conservancy

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Steward Registration Form

Print Form

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer with the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy. We are a non-profit organization that takes care of the McDowell Sonoran Preserve for the benefit of this and future generations.

Please take a few minutes to provide us with the following information. This will help us process your application, match you with a mentor, and learn a little bit about you.

There are two ways to complete this form and return it to McDowell Sonoran Conservancy offices:

1. Complete this form on your computer, print the completed form and mail it to
McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, 16435 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 110, Scottsdale AZ 85254.
2. Print this blank form, complete it then mail it to the address above.

There is a one-time orientation fee of \$50 to offset the cost of food, T-shirts, and materials. Scholarships are available. Payment must be made no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of class to hold your place. You can include a check made out to MSC with your mailed application, or call us with your credit card information. Our office number is 480.998.7971. Ask for either Jill at x104 or Nancy at x100.

After we receive your application and payment, a McDowell Sonoran Conservancy steward will set up a brief interview with you, which is intended to help us learn more about you and your interests.

Personal Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Preferred name for badge: _____

Address: (Street) (City) (Zip) _____

Email: _____

Cell phone: _____ Preferred Contact Number: ☐

Home phone: _____ Preferred Contact Number: ☐

Best Time of Day to Contact: _____

T-Shirt size: _____

The name of your community/neighborhood when you are in Arizona: _____

Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Summer Address: (if different from above) _____

How did you hear about our volunteer program: _____

Emergency Contact Details:

Please provide the name of the person we should contact in an emergency:

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Cell phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Home phone: _____

Employment Status:

☐ Employed ☐ Retired ☐ Unemployed ☐ Full-time Student ☐ Other

Employer/School/Former Position if Retired: _____

Does your company (or former company) match donations to charitable organizations? Yes ☐ No ☐

Skills and Experience: Please check any that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Relations	<input type="checkbox"/> Educator
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific Research	<input type="checkbox"/> Project Management
<input type="checkbox"/> CPR or CCC Training	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/> Educator	<input type="checkbox"/> Writing/editing	<input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design
<input type="checkbox"/> First Aid	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking
<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising	Other: _____	

Please indicate when you are available to volunteer:

☐ Weekdays ☐ Weekends ☐ Mornings ☐ Afternoons ☐ Evenings ☐ Summer

Winter residents, please list months available: _____

Volunteer Commitments:

The McDowell Sonoran Conservancy requests the following minimum contributions of time and energy:

1. Our “culture of stewardship” is one of volunteering one’s time and talent, and of contributing annual financial support.

2. Attend both half-day sessions of New Steward Orientation and complete the Passport to Stewardship requirements leading to steward status.
3. Attend individual program orientation and training sessions as appropriate.
4. Meet the program-specific requirements for minimum volunteer hours per month; many stewards volunteer at least 100 hours per year.
5. Report all volunteer hours through the website.
6. Agree to become a City of Scottsdale volunteer in exchange for coverage by Scottsdale's liability insurance and Arizona's worker's compensation plan whenever you are working on behalf of the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy in the Preserve. (The City of Scottsdale provides free fingerprinting and a background check to fulfill their volunteer requirements.)

Volunteer Interest Information:

MSC has 11 programs available for volunteers. Please review this list and choose 5 programs that interest you the most. Rank them from 1 to 5, with 1 being of highest interest.

- ☐ **Construction & Maintenance:** Work with a team to complete trail projects in the Preserve
- ☐ **Community Relations:** Promote MSC activities at community events (through MSC outreach booth)
- ☐ **Hike Program:** Lead and assist with guided hikes in the Preserve
- ☐ **Nature Guides:** Provide hands-on, trailside information and activities to visitors
- ☐ **Office & IT:** Help staff (indoors) with office work, mailings, or with MSC's IT needs and website
- ☐ **Partnership Development:** Help with MSC's premiere events (Walk, Run & Roll; MSC Challenge)
- ☐ **Pathfinders:** Host a trailhead at the entries to the Preserve
- ☐ **Patrol:** Protect and maintain the Preserve by patrolling on foot, mountain bike, or horseback
- ☐ **Research:** Become a citizen scientist and contribute to the McDowell Sonoran Field Institute
- ☐ **Steward Education:** Help with New Steward Orientation and continuing education opportunities
- ☐ **Volunteer Support:** Plan MSC steward celebrations, coordinate recognition, and foster retention

Volunteer Agreement:

I understand that if I do not attend required training or do not abide by the volunteer policies and procedures set by MSC, I may risk termination of my volunteer duties.

If you are returning this form via email, check this box:

I agree ☐

If you are mailing this form, please sign and date this form:

Signature of Volunteer: _____ Date: _____