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NOTE: An image of a happy SRC volunteer will be included in this section of the brochure.

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* Volunteer activities at the SRC must support the SRC’s missions of Rehabilitation, Education and Conservation.
* Volunteers must follow the proper chain of command when reporting issues.
* Volunteers must abide by all stated SRC policies such as the dress code, the photography policy, and any other instruction given by any SRC staff member.
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  + Report any concerns you have regarding the health or safety of a bird or person to your supervisor.
  + Always speak to volunteers, the public, the SRC staff, and our guests with respect.
  + Do not speak ill about, tease, bully, harass or belittle any other volunteers at any time.
  + Avoid hurtful jokes and gossip.
* Volunteer activities at the SRC must support the SRC’s missions of Rehabilitation, Education and Conservation.
  + Perform the duties that have been assigned to you.
  + Do not engage in any additional activities that have not been assigned to you without asking your supervisor first.
  + Volunteers are allowed to study in the conference room during office hours as long as there is not a meeting, lecture, or other presentation in progress.
* Volunteers must follow the proper chain of command when reporting issues.
  + Education volunteers should report to either Marianne or Andrew.
  + Rehabilitation volunteers should report to either Liz or Eva.
  + Do not discuss complaints or issues to anyone except your supervisor.
  + When making a complaint, make sure that the issue is an important matter rather than a personal opinion with another person.
  + If there is a medical emergency with a bird in the Education Department and Marianne or Andrew are not onsite, volunteers should report directly to Liz or Eva.
    - If Liz or Eva are unavailable as well, refer to the list of posted phone numbers in the office (Suggestion: Add exact location of the list of emergency phone numbers).
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Please sign and date the bottom of this page to acknowledge that you have read and understand what is to be expected of you.

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