

# Volunteer Release For Participants

For and in consideration of being allowed to undertake or participate in certain activities including but not limited to volunteering, observation, research, photography, and or field research on animals at the Everglades Outpost Inc. facilities located at 35601 SW 192 Ave, Homestead, Florida.

I \_\_\_\_\_, in full recognition and appreciation of the danger in such activities, hereby agree voluntarily to assume all risk and responsibilities surrounding my participation. \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) I further, do hereby release and hold harmless the Everglades Outpost Inc., their owners, directors, officers, employees and agents, and the owners of the land upon which Everglades outpost Inc. is situated, from and against any and all liability including negligence, and any and all other actions or causes of action to the undersigned, his/her dependents, assigns, personal representatives, heirs and next of kin for all damages, expenses (including attorney fees), claims, judgments, actions or cause of action as a result of any loss or injury to the person or property, including death, that I may sustain or suffer during or arising out of said activities, or that may result to persons in any way connected thereto.

I do further indemnify and hold harmless the Everglades Outpost Inc., their owner, directors, officers, employees and agents and the owners of the land upon which the Everglades Outpost Inc., is situated, from and against any and all liabilities to any person or entity for any and all damages, expenses (including attorney fees), claims, judgments, actions of causes of action as a result of any claim, loss or injury to person or property of any other, including death, arising out of my acts, omission or negligence.

I have read and understand this release and I voluntarily sign this document regarding participation in activities at the Everglades Outpost Inc.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Participant Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Participant Date of Birth)

# Notice to volunteers participating in activities at the Everglades Outpost Inc.

There are always some potential hazards associated with any kind of fieldwork, and working in environments at the Everglades Outpost Inc., is no exception. With some care and awareness on your part, the risk of disease and/or injury can be reduced to levels comparable to those of any outdoor excursion. There are 3 broad categories of potential problems:

- 1.) To avoid falling on uneven ground, watch where you are stepping at all times however tempting it may be to keep your eyes on the animals instead. Never run!
- 2.) In addition to the normal outdoor biological risks in southern Florida, such as irritating plants and venomous animals, working in close proximity to animals potentially introduces additional hazards. The major potential risk is rabies, but any animal bites expose you to the possibility to wound infection. As is always the case, you should never handle a wild animal, should avoid being near one that is acting strangely, and you should not behave in any way that might induce an animal to bite you. You should, of course, be up to date on your tetanus toxoid injections.
- 3.) There are additional risks in working closely with non-human primates. They may harbor organisms that cause disease in human beings, some surfaces you touch may have been in direct contact with monkey feces in the recent past, and it is thus probable that your hands, clothing and shoes, etc., are carrying trace remains of this contact, including viral and bacterial contamination. Because you may become infected by ingestion (e.g. handling food) or possibly even by contact with your mucosal surfaces or wound (e.g. scratching an itchy nose), it is important to practice good hygiene. These risks can be reduced by simply covering any existing sores or wounds with gauze bandage and by washing your hands and forearms frequently and thoroughly before you prepare any food or eat and before you touch your mouth, genitals, nose or eyes (or anybody else). It is also a good idea to clean the soles of your footwear and wash your clothing at the conclusion of the day.

*The Everglades Outpost Inc., is a non-for-profit wildlife refuge with continuous need for donations of time, materials, services and monetary funds. All contributions are tax deductible (501-c3)*

## If the participant is under 18 years of age:

I have read and understand this release and I agree to all risks and responsibilities and stated agreements surrounding my child's participation an activities at the Everglades Outpost Inc.

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name of Parent/Guardian)



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## Volunteer Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of volunteer work are you interested in:

Front Desk

Outdoor Maintenance

Other \_\_\_\_\_

What days can you commit to (we are open 7 days):

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

What hours (We are open 10am to 5pm): \_\_\_\_\_