



# YOUTH VOLUNTEERS WAIVER + RELEASE OF LIABILITY



This waiver is required for every volunteer under 18 years of age.  
You must bring a signed copy of this form to the event and submit it  
to the registration table at the start of the event in order to participate.

My signature below indicates that I have read, understood and accept the following: In participating in the event indicated on this form, I acknowledge that I understand there are risks of accidents resulting in bodily harm to the participant arising out of this activity. I further acknowledge that the participant has the physical capacity reasonably necessary to engage in this activity. I hereby waive all claims that I might have against Friends of Trees, its officers, agents, employees, co-sponsoring organizations or individuals for bodily injuries the participant might suffer arising out of the participant's participation. In case of emergency, accident or illness, I give my permission for the participant to be treated by a professional medical person and admitted to a hospital, if necessary. I agree to be the party responsible for all medical expenses which are incurred on the participant's behalf. I also agree that videos and photographs taken of the participant may be used by Friends of Trees and sponsoring agencies in any materials or publications, printed or electronic.

**EVENT DATE:**

**EVENT LOCATION:**

**YOUTH VOLUNTEER:** (Please print one letter per box)

Youth volunteer name:

Legal guardian name:

Legal guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEMOGRAPHIC INFO:** How do you identify the youth's race? (Please select all boxes that apply)

**Asian**

- South Asian (i.e India, Pakistan, Bangladesh)
- East Asian (i.e Chinese, Japanese, Korea)
- Southeast Asian (i.e Filipino, Vietnamese, Thai)
- West Asian (i.e Afghanistan, Armenia)

- Latino
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Middle Eastern or North African
- White

**Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian**

- Guammian Islands
- Samoan
- Marshallese Islands
- Palauan Islands

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER GROUP:**

Is the youth participating as part of a volunteer group today?    YES    NO

-- If yes, what is the name of your group: \_\_\_\_\_

-- If yes, please provide the name of the group leader: \_\_\_\_\_

We ask for race and age information to help us ensure equitable access to our programming for all community members. All personal information is confidential and we only share aggregate data. If you have any questions about youth volunteer participation, please contact us at 503-595-0213 or [volunteer@friendsoftrees.org](mailto:volunteer@friendsoftrees.org) . This form is available online at [www.friendsoftrees.org/youthwaiver](http://www.friendsoftrees.org/youthwaiver) .

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## QUESTIONS + ANSWERS

In order to participate, all youth under age 18 must bring to the planting a waiver pre-signed by their parent or guardian. Youth will not be able to participate if they don't have a signed waiver with them.

### **Does a parent or guardian need to be present?**

For youth age 15 and under, we kindly request a parent or guardian is in attendance. We kindly ask that there is 1 adult for every 5 youth as staff supervision is limited at events.

### **Is there a minimum age for planters?**

We love the enthusiasm to build tree and community stewardship young, and, over time, we have received feedback from parents that our events are best suited for the following age groups:

Younger than 6? Given the physical nature of the work and the weather conditions that we plant in, our events can be challenging for children younger than 6 and the adults who look after them. Families with small children are more than welcome at our events, but we recommend one adult supervisor for each child under the age of 6.

Ages 6+: Our Green Space (GS) events are great for planters as young as 6 years old. These events take place at a single location and have a variety of tasks for our smaller planters. Plants are small and easily handled by younger planters.

Ages 10+: Our Neighborhood Trees (NT) events are more appropriate for children 10 years of age or older. At our NT events each crew plants along busy neighborhood streets, traveling to several different houses (planting sites) throughout the neighborhood, planting 8-10 large-stock trees weighing about 50lbs each. Youth under 10 (and the adults looking after them) may find these events challenging.

### **What to wear?**

Our planting season runs from October through April, when trees are dormant and the abundant rain helps them get firmly established. The weather can often be cold and rainy. The fall and winter mornings can be chilly, after an hour of planting you may get warm, so we recommend that you dress in layers. Waterproof outerwear is ideal. For safety reasons, we require you wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes or boots. Tall rubber rain boots are the best.

Of course, you'll be digging in dirt and handling mulch, so please wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.



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