



## Volunteer Group Application

In order to determine whether a group project would be satisfying for you, and beneficial to Happy Trails, please provide responses to the questions below. **You must complete all fields and accept the rules and expectations** to move forward. Thank you for your interest and support.

Organization name: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible team leader (name/number): \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose Happy Trails for your group project? How do you hope to benefit Happy Trails? \_\_\_\_\_

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Available dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Are dates flexible to change pending weather? \_\_\_\_\_

Available hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of hours (min 4 hours): \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated number of participants: \_\_\_\_\_ Age range (min 18yrs): \_\_\_\_\_

### EXPECTATIONS:

1. Happy Trails is a working farm animal sanctuary with trained staff responsible for the care of animals; volunteer groups will not be involved in animal care. The projects we need help with involve manual labor such as painting, land clearing, yard work, etc. Participants are usually outdoors and may be exposed to heat, cold, mud, etc.
2. Happy Trails is a rescue, rather than a petting zoo. Some animals may be sick, aggressive, or unpredictable. Safety is our main priority; participants will be expected to follow rules designed to protect them as well as the animals. Actual interaction with the animals will not normally be part of the experience.
3. All participants will be expected to dress appropriately, per rules below.
4. There will be a Happy Trails staff member who will lead the project; all participants are expected to follow the directions of this person or his/her designee. We reserve the right to make changes to the project and exclude anyone, if necessary, who is not of age or equipped properly to participate.

### RULES:

1. All participants must be at least 18 years of age; no one under 18 may participate, or accompany the work group. Additionally, no non-participants may accompany the group.
2. All participants must dress appropriately for the work; jeans and appropriate shoes/boots are required. The Happy Trails project leader may identify specific wear. Gloves can be provided by Happy Trails.
3. Participants must not stray from the group unless accompanied by a staff member (except for restroom/water breaks).
4. Participants must not feed, photograph, or interact with any of the animals, unless specifically permitted by a staff member.
5. No horseplay on the property, and no disrespectful comments about any animals.
6. Out of respect for the animals, all food and beverages must be vegan (contains no animal ingredients).

I have read and agree with the rules and expectations above, and would like to set up a volunteer day for my organization.

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Signature

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Date

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