

Volunteer Program Agreement

As a volunteer, I agree that I will:

- Pay all fees associated with transportation, domestic or international, to and from the Osa Biodiversity Center and/or the site of my volunteer program.
- Pay Friends of the Osa in advance for the cost of three daily meals as well as lodging at the facilities provided.
- Read and follow the Rules of the Sea Turtle Field Station and Osa Biodiversity Center.
- Provide approximately 25 hours of work on volunteer projects each week.
- Work under the supervision of Volunteer Program staff.

I understand that Friends of the Osa will provide me with:

- Lodging in a shared cabin or tent for the entirety of my stay at the Sea Turtle Field Station or Osa Biodiversity Center.
- Use of shared facilities including kitchenette, bathrooms & showers, library, and dining area.
- Tools and equipment necessary to carry out project activities.

I certify that I have read and agree with the terms of the Friends of the Osa volunteer program.

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

**Acknowledgement of Volunteer Responsibility,
Express Assumption of Risk, and Release of Liability**

Please read the following agreement carefully and return a signed copy to:

Friends of the Osa
1731 Connecticut Ave NW 3rd Floor
Washington, DC 20009
seaturtles@osaconservation.org

I understand that during my involvement with Friends of the Osa (FOO) and/or during my stay under the care of Friends of the Osa on the Osa Peninsula, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen or unforeseen. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage or loss, and death (“Injuries and Damages”) from exposure to the hazards of travel and life in a remote tropical region and Friends of the Osa has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. I know that Injuries and Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, volunteers, staff, or third parties, either as a result of negligence or because of other reasons. I understand that risks of such Injuries and Damages are involved in my participation and I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person and for others around me in the face of such hazards.

In consideration for my participation, and the services and amenities to be provided by Friends of the Osa, I confirm my understanding that:

- FOO does not include transportation to and from the OBC or other field sites, and I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel.
- If I decide to leave earlier than planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave and waive all liability against Friends of the Osa arising from this decision.
- This agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this agreement shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and fully enforceable.
- To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, and RELEASE FROM LIABILITY Friends of the Osa, its officers, directors, employees, and agents, from **any and all liability** on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries and Damages, even if caused by negligence of Friends of the Osa or its officers, directors, employees, or agents, in any way connected with my stay in the Osa region. I further agree to HOLD HARMLESS the Friends of the Osa, its officers, directors, employees, and agents from any claims, damages, injuries or losses caused by my own negligence during my stay in Osa. I understand and intend that this assumption of risk and release is binding on my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.
- I have read this document in its entirety and I freely and voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries and Damages and notwithstanding such risks, I agree to work at the OBC or other field sites in the Osa region.

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____