

Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

Blue Goose Mascot Volunteer

Job Description

Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge (FONWR), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation located in Oak Harbor, Ohio is seeking a volunteer who shares our passion for engaging the FONWR members and the public in increasing conservation knowledge and awareness with a focus on the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex and the FONWR.

JOB TITLE

Blue Goose Mascot Volunteer

LEVEL

Assistant

ACCOUNTABILITY

Reports to the Executive Director and collaborates with Outreach and Events staff or volunteers.

TIME COMMITMENT

Approximately 1–2 hours per month, depending on event schedule and volunteer availability.

JOB SUMMARY

Serve as the friendly, feathered face of conservation by wearing the Blue Goose mascot costume at select events, helping create memorable visitor experiences while promoting the mission of Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Specific duties include:

- Wear the Blue Goose mascot costume during designated events and activities
- Greet visitors, families, and community members in a welcoming manner
- Pose for photos and interact with guests to create positive experiences
- Represent FONWR in a professional, fun, and family-friendly manner

SKILLS NEEDED

- Outgoing and energetic personality
- Comfort interacting with the public, including children and large groups
- Ability to communicate through gestures and body language
- Reliability & punctuality for scheduled appearances

INTER-RELATIONSHIPS

Contact with FONWR staff, FWS staff, other volunteers, event participants, and community members

WORKING CONDITIONS

- Ability to wear mascot costume for short periods of time (typically 15-30 minutes at a time)
- Events may take place indoors or outdoors in varying weather conditions
- Ability to stand, walk, and move comfortably while wearing the costume

COMPENSATION

- Satisfaction in spreading joy and conservation awareness within the community
- Opportunity to serve as recognizable ambassador for Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge
- Behind-the-scenes participation in refuge events and celebrations
- Occasional snacks, smiles, and celebrity-level attention

NEEDED ATTRIBUTES

- Positive attitude and sense of humor
- Comfort being playful and engaging in public settings
- Dependability and teamwork
- Respect for wildlife, visitors, and conservation values

CONTACT

For more information or to express interest in being a Mascot Volunteer, please contact:

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