

Downers Grove Park District - 2026 Volunteer Waiver and Release

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Downers Grove Park District is committed to conducting its recreation programs and activities in a responsible manner and holds the safety of volunteers in high regard. The Park District continually strives to reduce such risks and asks that all volunteers follow safety rules and instructions that are designed to protect the volunteers' safety. However, volunteers must recognize that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to volunteer for any recreational activity or program. Please recognize that the Downers Grove Park District carries only limited medical accident coverage for volunteers; therefore, it is strongly urged that all volunteers review their own health insurance policy for coverage. Additionally, each volunteer is solely responsible for determining if he/she is physically fit and/or properly skilled for any volunteer activity. It is always advisable, especially if the volunteer is pregnant, disabled in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician before undertaking any physical activity.

WARNING OF RISK

Despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury when participating in any recreational activity/program. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers can be foreseen. Volunteers must understand that depending upon the activity, certain risks, dangers and injuries due to acts of God, inclement weather, slipping, falling, inadequate or defective equipment, failure in supervision or instruction, premises defects, horseplay, carelessness, lack of skill or technique, and all other circumstances inherent to recreational activities/programs exist. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the Park District to guarantee absolute safety.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and volunteering for the 2026 calendar year, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with your volunteer services (including transportation services, when provided).

As a volunteer, I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to volunteers in this program/activity, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that I may sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have (or accrue to me) as a result of volunteering in this program/activity against the Downers Grove Park District, including its officers, officials, agents, volunteers and employees (herein collectively referred to as "Parties").

I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the Parties from any and all claims for injuries, damages, or loss that I may have or which may accrue to me and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with my volunteer services.

I have read and fully understand the above important information, warning of risk, assumption of risk and waiver and release of all claims. This Waiver and Release is not intended to waive or release any coverage rights as described in provisions A.8 and A.9 of the Volunteer Agreement. If registering on-line or via fax, your on-line or facsimile signature shall substitute for and have the same legal effect as an original form signature.

Photographs and videos are taken by park district staff to use for promotional purposes. By registering for a program, attending an event or using a park district facility, you have granted us permission to use your image for promotional purposes.

Volunteer's Name (please print) _____ Date _____

Address _____ Town/Zip _____

Volunteer's Signature _____ Phone _____

Minors: Signature of Custodial Parent/ Guardian _____ Phone _____

Optional: Email _____ Cell/Other: _____

PARTICIPATION WILL BE DENIED if the signature of the volunteer or custodial parent/legal guardian and date are not on this form.