Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Volunteer Activities Involving Minors

For the purposes of DCR’s Volunteers in Parks Program, minors are defined as individuals under the age of 18. While minors may serve as volunteers for activities directly organized and supervised by DCR staff or by other organizations, written consent from a parent or guardian is required prior to a minor beginning his/her volunteer duties. Minors who arrive at a volunteer work site with adults who are not their parents, guardians or school officials serving en loco parentis will not be allowed to participate in volunteer activities without the written consent of the parent or guardian.

For additional information on DCR’s Volunteers in Parks Program and the involvement of minors in volunteer activities on DCR property, please read a copy of DCR’s Volunteers in Parks Program Guide: Guidelines, Requirements, & Standards.

Name of Minor

Parent/Guardian Name

Best Emergency Phone Number

Accompanying Adult’s Name (IF OTHER THAN PARENT/GUARDIAN, i.e. teacher, scout leader, club program leader)

Best Emergency Phone Number

Title and Organization (if applicable)

Minor’s Home Address (Street Address, City, State, Zip Code)

Below, please provide the requested information regarding the volunteer project/activities

Location(s):

Date(s):

Description:

Statement of consent:

I ____________________________ (name of parent or guardian) hereby state that ____________________________ (name of minor) is qualified and physically capable of accomplishing the work and activities for which I have consented they volunteer, and that they will perform them as directed by a properly authorized supervisor. also agrees to comply with all DCR rules and regulations.

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I (parent or guardian) hereby release the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), their employees, and agents from all claims, loss, damage, expenses and/or injuries, whether to person or to property, which may result from actions while participating in volunteer activities. I further agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the DCR, their employees, and agents from liability for any damage or injuries resulting from the minor's actions while participating in these volunteer activities. I also acknowledge that, by participating in such volunteer activities and projects, no salary or payment from the Commonwealth will be made to me (parent or guardian) or the minor.

This Release Form is valid from (Start Date of Service) ________________ to (End Date of Service) ________________.

I, ___________________________________________ (print name of parent/guardian), hereby grant my permission for ___________________________________________ (print name of minor) to participate as a volunteer of ___________________________________________ (print organization name) and to perform the above-mentioned volunteer activities at the location(s) and dates(s) as described above.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: ________________________________ Date: ________________________________