

Volunteer Position Descriptions for the 2026 SEAZ Birding Festival

Volunteer Position	Description
Check-in	This volunteer will help check in attendees when they first arrive at the festival, including distributing name badges, t-shirts, and itineraries. They will also answer questions about both the festival & Tucson Bird Alliance, and direct attendees to various locations.
Counter	This volunteer will be stationed at a post near the entrance of the Nature Expo at the DoubleTree and will use a handheld clicker to count guests as they enter to help us measure Expo impact.
Greeter	This position will entail greeting guests and directing them to the appropriate place as they enter the DoubleTree hotel.
Habitat at Home Table & Nestbox Helper	This volunteer will be stationed at the Habitat at Home table at the Nature Expo and will answer any questions from attendees about the program, as well as help distribute Nestbox Program information.
Morning Van Crew**	These volunteers load the vans used for field trips with coolers, snack boxes, etc., check to make sure vans are in working order, and help greet and guide folks upon arrival to their appropriate field trip leader. Van crew volunteers need to be comfortable driving & refueling vans, as well as working outside in heat or rainy conditions.
Nature Expo Liaison**	This volunteer will walk around the Nature Expo and ensure that our vendors and exhibitors are taken care of, including handing out some water and snacks and answering any questions they may have. They may also be asked to fill in at an exhibitor table for 5-10 minutes to allow them to take a quick break.
Pre-festival Prep	These volunteers will help with various tasks ahead of the festival, including stuffing name tags, inventorying supplies, organizing materials, etc. (Please note that the date and time for this position is TBD!)
Registration Packing	These volunteers will help by organizing, stuffing, and storing name tags and registration items for all festival attendees. (Please note that the date and time for this position is TBD!)
Set-up/Break Down**	This position will entail helping with set-up or breakdown of festival items such as tables, chairs, signs, etc. It will also include helping exhibitors set-up and break down their tables.
Snack Team**	These volunteers will assist our Snack Team in organizing the snacks and lunches for our field trips. Please note that Snack Team volunteers will not prepare the food itself, but rather organize it and pack it into bags and coolers.
Van Clean Up Crew**	These volunteers will help greet vans upon their return from field trips, clean the interiors and ensure they are prepared for the next trip, re-fuel the vans, and park them in the appropriate spots. Van crew volunteers need to be comfortable driving & refueling vans, as well as working outside in heat or rainy conditions.
eBird Expert - Nature Expo	This volunteer will be present during the Nature Expo to help festival attendees with any questions they might have about using the eBird app, how to submit checklists, and to make sure everyone gets added to the various field trip lists during the festival. This volunteer must be comfortable using all eBird features and explaining how to do so to others.
Reid Park Family Day - Set Up / General Help / Break Down	Volunteer(s) will assist with setting up at Reid Park, which will include helping decorate, setting up tents and tables, placing education/activity materials on tables, making sure food is ready, etc. Volunteer(s) will also be there throughout the event as a floater or extra helper: this could include answering any questions the guests might have, making sure the food is available, and helping any of the activities at each table if needed. Volunteer(s) will assist with clean up & breakdown of the event space, which will include picking up any trash and packing away any materials or tables. There will be an opportunity to help with specific tasks such as children's activities, face painting, or leading bird walks. Please notify the Volunteer Coordinator (volunteer@tucsonbirds.org) if you are interested in a specific activity.

Workshop/Presentation Assistant	This position requires greeting and introducing speakers, assisting with basic tech needs, and supporting the lead volunteers and contracted technician. No prior experience in this role is needed, but we are looking for someone with hospitality skills, comfort with public speaking, and basic tech-savviness.
Nature Shop Set Up/Break Down	This position involves helping with set-up or breakdown of Nature Shop items such as merchandise, display cases, boxes, tables, chairs, signs, etc. Volunteers should be able to lift large boxes. We are hoping to find volunteers that are willing to help us pack the items in their car at the Nature Shop and help bring the boxes over to the DoubleTree hotel.
Nature Shop Booth Assistant	This volunteer position will entail helping run the Tucson Bird Alliance Nature Shop booth during the Nature Expo, including assisting with attendees wanting to purchase items. Current or past Nature Shop volunteers with experience in the store are preferred.
Optics	This volunteer position will help run the Optics section of the Tucson Bird Alliance Nature Shop booth. Volunteers must be familiar with different brands of binoculars and how to use them.
Photographer	This volunteer will capture photographs of patrons at the Nature Expo and the festival celebrations. Volunteers with experience photographing people are preferred.

** Indicates a position for which a volunteer will need to be comfortable on their feet for the duration of the shift, in addition to lifting items such as coolers, tables, chairs, etc. All other positions may be performed while a volunteer is sitting.