



VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Volunteer
LOCATION: Volusia County, Florida
REPORT TO: Debbie Wright, Manatee Protection Program Manager

OVERVIEW OF POSITION

The Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Program was designed to heighten awareness about the negative impacts of improperly discarded fishing line, decrease the amount of fishing line entering the environment, and increase the amount of fishing line being recycled. Monofilament fishing line causes numerous threats to the environment, wildlife, boaters, and divers. The main initiative of the program is to place monofilament recycling bins throughout Volusia County in areas where fishing line has been noted to accumulate and to train volunteers to recycle the line. The fishing line that is collected is sent to Berkley Conservation Institute. The line is then melted down to make plastic pellets, which are recycled to create artificial fish habitats, in turn fostering larger fish populations. Volunteers must choose an available bin to adopt and sign a pledge committing to maintain their bin for a period of at least one year.

SPECIFIC TASKS

1. Visual bin inspection
2. Remove line from bin
3. Sort line from miscellaneous items
4. Take line to indoor recycling receptacle
5. Fill out and submit data form

TIME REQUIRED

The frequency with which individual bins will need checking and emptying will vary depending on the season and location. A visual inspection should be conducted about once a month in case of vandalism or the effects of severe weather. The rate of bin emptying will need to be determined during the monthly visual inspections. At some locations a bin may need monthly emptying, while other locations a few months may pass before a substantial amount of line accumulates.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. The desire and motivation to protect the natural environment by removing and recycling harmful monofilament line.
2. The ability to work independently.
3. Transportation to the adopted bin (if not in walking distance), and to one of the participating recycling centers.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Must be 18 years of age. May be 16 years of age if adult is present.

EXPERIENCE

No prior experience required.

TRAINING REQUIRED

On the job training will be provided.

LENGTH OF COMMITMENT

A minimum of one year.

BENEFITS TO VOLUNTEER

1. Learn about one of the most deadly types of marine debris and help to save wildlife.
2. Satisfaction of knowing how important your role is in minimizing a very challenging problem for wildlife, humans and the environment as a whole.
3. Receive regular Recycler Review Updates on Monofilament Recovery and Recycling Program news.
4. Students can use volunteer hours for graduation requirements.
5. Great addition to resume!