



**Inspiring Connections Outdoors and  
Local Outings Youth Oriented Outings  
Volunteer Application**

Thank you for your interest in being a volunteer with Sierra Club's Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO) or with Local Outings. It is our goal to ensure safe, fun and inspiring outings for participants and leaders, and this form provides the first step for prospective volunteers to join us in this endeavor.

*The Sierra Club will review your application and assess whether you have the appropriate experience and background to lead groups of minors. The information in this application will be kept confidential and not shared with anyone other than the people directly involved in assessing your volunteer application.*

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Phone: H: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ W: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Please circle best contact number.

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contacts: (name, phone #, address)

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Plan number (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Sierra Club Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

**Experience and Interest**

How did you hear about ICO or local outings? What if any interactions have you had to date with ICO or local outings?

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Are you a certified leader with another Sierra Club entity? Yes or No (circle one)

If yes, please list which one: \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to work specifically to connect youth to nature?

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*Identify previous or current volunteer experiences you have had as an adult that may be relevant to your roles leading youth. Please include the name of the organization, the timeline of your commitment, and the roles you served.*

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Name of Organization	From / To	Role served

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Briefly describe previous experience you have had working with youth.

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Describe your outdoor interests and experiences. Mark "I" next to activities you are interested in learning how to do, "E" next to activities you have experience doing, and "G" next to items you can guide or teach.

Camping _____	Hiking _____	Snowshoeing _____
Canoeing _____	Kayaking _____	Swimming _____
Cross-country skiing _____	Orienteering _____	Group games _____
Gardening _____	Picnicking _____	Other _____
	Rafting _____	

**Reference and Background Check**

*Please provide contact information for at least two references who are not relatives, and who preferably know you in a work or volunteer context:*

Name: _____	Phone #: _____	Relationship: _____
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Do you know anyone who is currently an ICO or local outings volunteer? **Yes or No (circle one)**

**If yes, who?**

Volunteers working with youth must pass a criminal background check every four years. If the following offenses are identified in the criminal background check, the individual cannot be a Sierra Club youth-oriented outings leader:

- Any crimes against children
- Crimes against people- (murder, assault, domestic violence)
- Indecency

An unacceptable driving record will prohibit a volunteer from driving on youth oriented trips.

Each person who receives a "fail" decision has the right to submit an appeal of the background check result within thirty days of receipt of the "fail" notification. They also have the right to obtain the background check report and contact the provider of the information.

Sierra Club pays for any fees associated with background checks. We will provide each applicant with the instructions on how to complete the background screening process.

*I certify that the information given herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize the Sierra Club to investigate all statements contained in this application, contact individuals and/or organizational references, and authorize the release of personal information regarding me. This information is to be used only to determine my suitability for volunteering with Sierra Club. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of facts will be sufficient cause for termination of volunteer service.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature (if under age 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_