

Point Reyes Birding & Nature Festival

Field Event Volunteer Requirements

The Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC) is looking for responsible individuals to assist us with field event customer service and administration during the Point Reyes Birding & Nature Festival.

Before registering, please review the full event descriptions online. Based on availability, you can choose to volunteer for up to three events, or one per day. Below are the guidelines and responsibilities for participating as field volunteers. Volunteers will accompany the event(s) for free and receive a festival volunteer tee and access to our virtual festival library.

Volunteer Requirements

- Volunteers must be at least 21 years.
- We will follow the County of Marin Public Health Guidance during the event. No COVID restrictions are in place now.
- Be able to multi-task in an outdoor environment with various elements, personality types, and climates.
- Be physically able to participate in the event they sign up for, and sign a liability event waiver.
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively with a friendly and positive attitude, including speaking in front of a group, and ability to provide basic customer service, including assisting participants with festival information or directions.
- Be able to take direction from EAC Staff, Board, or guides in the field.
- Have transportation to and from event sites, and be able to pick up and drop off volunteer packets before and after the festival.
- Have the ability to take photos in the field with a camera or cell phone and provide images to EAC the week following the festival.
- Have access to a cell phone for emergencies.
- Some familiarity with West Marin/Marin/Sonoma culture, geography, and directions.



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Pre-Event

Complete a webinar training and follow-up survey.

Review details for your assigned events, including learning about the guide(s), the meeting area, practicing your intro speech, and connecting with the guide before the event.

Once you have completed your training, you will work with the volunteer coordinator to schedule your volunteer packet pick-up (s) for any or all event(s) you have been assigned.

Contact the guide by phone to introduce yourself and discuss your role and any specific help the guide may need.

Day of the Event

Arrive 15 minutes before the event's scheduled meeting time, and keep a lookout for attendees.

Check-in participants using a checklist, and have them sign the liability waiver as a part of checking in, including yourself and the acting guide(s).

Provide a group welcome, thanking participants for their support of the festival, and introducing the guide, who will lead the day.

Assist guide in the field if an attendee needs help finding a bathroom or has an emergency.

Ensure attendees' experience is positive by helping onlookers/tour crashers learn how they can join next year, but this event is private.

Document the day by taking photos and testimonials from attendees, filling in your bird/nature checklist, or assigning it to an attendee who is interested.

Provide a group closing, including thanking the participants, and the guide.

Drop off the volunteer packet at the EAC office the weekend of the festival or return it by mail.



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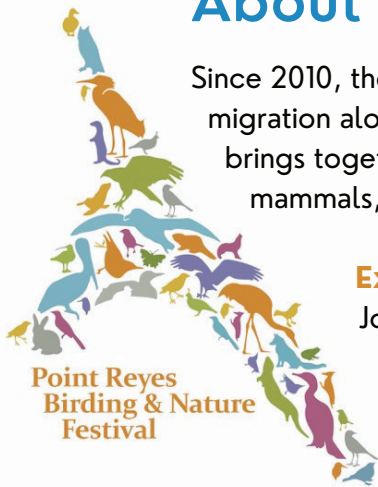
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About the Festival

Since 2010, the Point Reyes Birding & Nature Festival has celebrated the spring bird and wildlife migration along the Pacific Flyway throughout Marin and Sonoma counties. This annual event brings together experienced birders and naturalists and others interested to learn about birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and the unique lands and waters of the area.

Exceptional Birding, Wildlife & Activities!

Join a variety of field classes led by some of the Bay Area's top birder, naturalists, and artists. Festival attendees through Point Reyes National Seashore, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, California State Parks, Sonoma and Marin County Parks, and other public lands throughout Marin and Sonoma Counties.



Protecting What You Love

The Festival benefits the mission of the Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC) a 501(c)3 environmental nonprofit working to protect the lands, waters, and biodiversity of coastal Marin County.

The wild open spaces of coastal Marin County didn't just happen. Thanks to environmental organizations, like EAC, who worked to stop development plans that would have constructed a freeway from Stinson Beach to Dillon Beach, filled Bolinas Lagoon to build a resort, and subdivided agricultural lands along the shorelines of Limantour and Tomales Bay into shopping malls, and neighborhoods. Fortunately, the places we know and love today include Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Point Reyes National Seashore, Muir Woods National Monument, Samuel P. Taylor State Park, Mount Tamalpais State Park, Marin Water District, Marin County Parks and Open Space Preserves, Tomales State Park, Cordell Bank, and the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuaries were saved.

The work isn't over. Work to protect public lands, safeguard our coast and ocean, and defend watersheds and species continues now and into the future. With your help, we can continue this work together. Learn more about EAC online at eacmarin.org.

Taking Action

Proceeds from the Festival support EAC's mission that protects birds, wildlife, and habitats. Some of EAC's successes include protecting the eelgrass habitat in Tomales Bay, nesting and migratory bird protections from vegetation management, and improved water quality in Point Reyes National Seashore.

This year, we are focusing our attention on the decline in global bird populations and what we can do here along the Pacific Flyway to tackle some of the root causes of population declines, like climate change and habitat loss.

Join our membership community today and help protect the places and species you love, receive early bird registration, and discounts at the festival.

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How to Participate



Join as an Attendee: Register Online for the Festival

Choose from 50+ educational field-based events focused on birds, wildlife, plants, and marine life + hiking, kayaking, field photography, and journaling with award-winning naturalists, birders, and educators. **EAC Members get early bird registration a week before the public starts in February, plus discounts on merchandise.** Individual membership starts at \$35, or \$50 for a household of two. Join on our festival website, and you will receive a code to register.



Attend our Friday and Saturday Late Afternoon Gatherings

Our event is hosted in a very rural area with no large conference space. However, we do bring our guides, attendees, and staff together for two late afternoon/evening programs with special speakers, food, and drink. This is a special opportunity to meet our community, and learn something unique about our region while having fun.



Attend our free Sunday Family Fun Day

Bring your entire brood, and especially your budding birders for activities including a visit from live bird ambassadors, plus bird and wildlife feather/skin, skull and egg identification, owl pellet dissection, check your wing span activity, mask making, and bird origami, plus so much more. Proceeds benefit our partner Amigos Alados (Winged Friends), a pen pal program between Marin and Mexico that brings culture and science together.



Join our Team (Contact us at events@eacmarin.org)

Become a Guide

We are always looking for experienced naturalists and birders who have a passion for education and work well with a variety of ages and experience levels to join our festival team. Guides can volunteer their services, or are provided with a stipend, event tee, ticket to our gatherings, and other perks.



Become a Volunteer

The festival is led by our staff, but it requires a team of committed volunteers to make it successful. Join our committee of planners who advise and parcel out key tasks, or join us to host the registration table, assist on-field events, or at our gatherings.



Become a Friend of the Festival Sponsor

Friends of the Festival help the festival take flight, and whose support is critical to our mission. Various levels and perks.



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Grassroots Advocacy in Action

The Environmental Action Committee of West Marin (EAC) is a grassroots nonprofit organization working to protect and sustain the unique lands, waters, and biodiversity of coastal Marin since 1971.

We accomplish our work through advocacy, education, and engagement programs.

Individuals, like you, support 70% of our work through generous tax-deductible contributions.

Together, we unite people, place, science, and policy to save vital ecosystems, defend environmental laws, demand accountability from our leaders, and mobilize community members to preserve and protect coastal Marin.

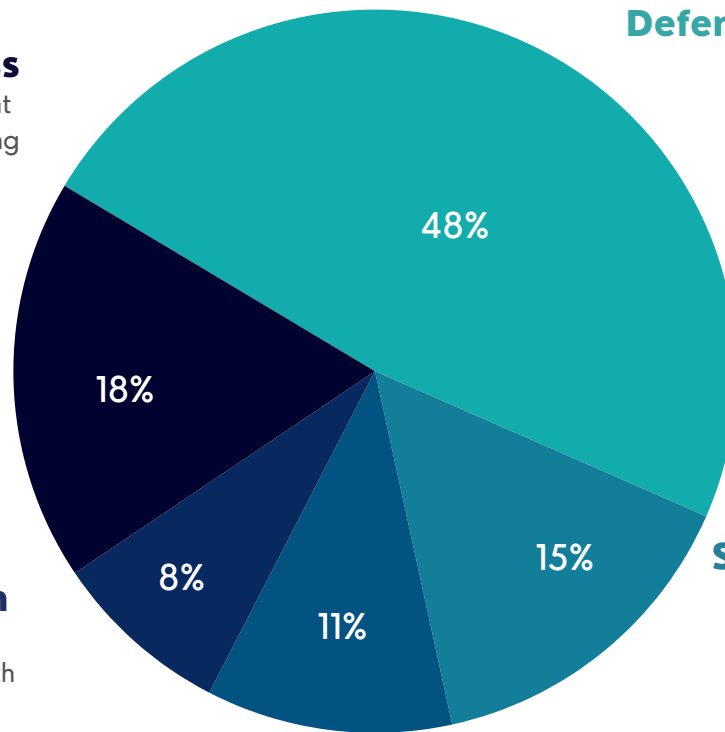
What We Do

Foster Environmental Education & Awareness

We deliver education programs that connect people and place, including our annual Point Reyes Birding & Nature Festival and environmental office exhibits, which raise awareness and increase community engagement.

Enrich Community Action & Appreciation

We connect with our community through action and appreciation with our annual Member Meeting and Environmental Awards, Piper on Ridge, and Winter Gathering events that strengthen our community ties and partnerships.



Defend Our Lands, Waters & Biodiversity

We protect public lands and coastal access, advocate for sustainable community development, safeguard our coast and ocean, reduce trash and toxins, and defend resilient watersheds in coastal Marin from harm and habitat loss.

Safeguard Our Future

In the face of the climate crisis, we advocate to reduce carbon pollution and increase coastal resilience guided by science and with a lens on nature-based solutions.

Empower Future Advocates

We create opportunities for the next generation to gain skills to defend the environment through our advocacy, policy, data, and science internship programs for high school, college, and graduate students. In addition, we provide outdoor awareness and educational field trips in Marin County Parks to help youth discover, observe, and track data in the field.