



Wetlands

Off-Site Group Application

Common Ground Relief's mission is to create resilient Gulf Coast communities that are financially viable, personally cohesive and environmentally sustainable. Common Ground Relief fulfills this mission assisting residents to build assets that support community transformation and renewal.

Common Ground Relief provides volunteer opportunities that focus on the restoration of Louisiana's coastal wetlands. These projects include marsh grass and bottomland hardwood tree plantings, nursery propagation and other activities that aim at growing out plant material and using it to restore coastal salt marshes, swamps and bottomland hardwood forests.

SCHOOL / GROUP INFORMATION

School / Group Name: _____

of Participants: _____

Address: _____

Group Leader

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Age Range of Group (minimum required age is 14): _____

Date(s) Requested to volunteer : _____

CGR Invoice and W-9 should be sent to this email address:

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____



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FEES FOR PROJECTS

Nursery Projects - There is a fee of \$10 per person per day for nursery projects. Nursery projects include plant propagation, potting and general maintenance of our nursery sites.

Planting Projects - There is a fee of \$35 per person per day for plantings, which includes plant material, equipment, supervision and administration. Plantings take place in a wetland area within an hour drive of New Orleans.

TOTAL FEES

Nursery Projects : \$10 x _____ participants x _____ day(s) = \$_____

Planting Projects: \$35 x _____ participants x _____ day(s) = \$_____

Total Due & Payable = \$_____

Please note that no projects will be booked without the receipt of this completed form by Common Ground Relief Wetlands.

Our planting projects involve the use of live plant material and coordination with private land owners and/or governmental agencies. We require a 25% non-refundable deposit of the proposed project fee in order to reserve the date. We must receive the balance of the planting project fee no later than 2 weeks before the planting project date.

This helps us assure the survivability of plant material and the scheduling of equipment needed to conduct plantings.

Services Provided by Common Ground Relief

- Common Ground Relief will coordinate the planting/nursery project and logistics
- Common Ground Relief will provide an introduction to the crisis of land loss in Coastal Louisiana and the specific site that volunteers are working to restore. This also includes an overview of safety protocols and instructions on the methods to be used in working with plants for the project
- Common Ground Relief owns and operates its nursery. We will provide all of the plants and equipment needed to work with plants for the project.



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- Common Ground Relief does provide rubber boots for planting projects as needed. Volunteers may want to purchase a pair of water shoes for other projects where boots cannot be worn.

Requirements of the Volunteer Group

- Communicate regularly with Common Ground Relief's Wetlands Project Manager at wetlands@commongroundrelief.org especially when changes affect dates or group size.
- Provide your own vehicles for ground transportation, including proper insurance coverage.
- Arrive at the project site on time.
- Volunteers are required to sign the CGR waiver. Additional waivers may also need to be signed with our planting partners.
- We expect payment to be made prior to your arrival. All checks should be made payable to Common Ground Relief, Inc. Our mailing address is 1800 Deslonde Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70117.

Please make sure you have read the entire application

Email this completed application to wetlands@commongroundrelief.org or mail it to:

Common Ground Relief Wetlands
1800 Deslonde Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70117

You will be notified via email from wetlands@commongroundrelief.org once your application is accepted and your proposed project dates have been approved.

Please allow up to two weeks for a response. Any questions should be emailed to wetlands@commongroundrelief.org You may also leave a voice mail message at 504-442-2314.

We look forward to working with you!