



BUFFALO FIELD CAMPAIGN

"Protecting the Last Wild Bison"

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BFC volunteers live and work in the Yellowstone Ecosystem defending America's last free roaming buffalo herds in the native habitat they've occupied continuously. While here, you live in a communal setting and are expected to use your personal experience, common sense, education, and training to aid in the protection of these magnificent bison. The complexity of issues surrounding bison harassment and slaughter means we must educate ourselves and the public constantly. Your orientation and training can take significant time, and for this reason we require a minimum 2-week commitment. We look forward to working with you to defend and protect this living national treasure.

Field Season Dates 2022-23: (Summer Tabling: June - September 2022) / (Field Season: November 2022 - May 2023)

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Daily Field Patrols
 - Understand topography of region in regards to the bison migration and bison management plan.
 - Observe/record bison and other wildlife movement and behavior.
 - Document federal and state government actions affecting bison and other wildlife.
 - Use, maintain, and protect documenting and communication equipment (radios, video cameras, optics).
 - Conduct yourself in a professional manner in line with the Buffalo Field Campaign's mission and values
 - Explain the bison issue to the public when encountered in the field.
- Help maintain a clean, safe living environment
 - Chop wood, clean cabins, wash dishes, shovel snow, gardening, and much more.
- Contribute personal skills to maintenance or projects
 - Repair equipment, vehicles, buildings.
 - Help organize or create props for rallies/demonstrations.
 - Organize or assist at informational shows or fundraisers.
- Gain understanding of the buffalo issues and stay up-to-date on current/related developments

LIVING CONDITIONS

Volunteers live in a co-ed, communal setting in our lodge heated by wood stoves. Our headquarters is at 6,600 feet above sea level, and many volunteer activities are carried out in harsh winter conditions, including heavy snow, wind, and sub-zero temperatures. Sleeping accommodations are in multiple rooms in our main cabin, and are either bunks or lofts accessible by ladder. We have meals prepared by our cooks, have access to the outdoors and a common activity room, and free time but also observe quiet hours and complete daily chores. We have a specialty volunteer coffee roast, "Roam Free Roast", provided by Buffalo Brew Coffee. There is indoor plumbing, a shower, and a washer/dryer. Privacy is limited in the cabin, but solitude seekers can find all they need in the adjacent national forests.

TIME COMMITMENT

Buffalo Field Campaign is dedicated to protecting wild bison 365 days a year. The campaign has seasonal openings for field volunteers and opportunities for every season. We take volunteers during the winter months when the buffalo migrate to lower elevation in search of forage, and there is a great need for volunteers in the spring when mothers venture to their traditional calving grounds outside the Park boundaries. During times of frequent bison management (i.e., daily hazing) or migration, your job as a volunteer is extremely demanding. When we are in the field around the clock we continue all of the daily household chores, plus we put in extra hours at mandatory meetings, etc. This level of activity is physically, mentally, and emotionally exhausting. Your personal time and sleep will be limited.

LOCATION

Buffalo Field Campaign is located outside of West Yellowstone, Montana. Specific directions to camp will be provided if you are accepted as a volunteer.

SUPPORT PROVIDED

All volunteers are provided room and board. We respect most diets: omnivore, wheat-free, vegan, vegetarian, etc. The campaign has field equipment you can borrow while you are here. Please remember that out here when you're on patrol COTTON KILLS! We strongly advise you to bring wool, wool, and more wool clothing. Synthetic fibers also work well. Bring cotton for when you're hanging out in the cabin, if that's what you're comfortable wearing.

Also recommended:

- Sleeping bag
- Long underwear (No cotton!!! bring polypropylene or wool long underwear!)
- Wool (socks, sweaters, pants, etc.)
- Water-proof Pac Boots (any good quality winter boots with a thick, soft, insulating, removable liner)
- A day pack (for snacks, water, and gear)
- Warm hat & gloves or mittens
- Wool pants or insulated ski pants
- Personal first aid kit (if you can)

- Camera, laptop, binoculars
- Toiletries

- Postage stamps

- Phone cards for personal long distance calls
- Personal food items the campaign does not reliably provide (chocolate, coffee, dairy products, juice, nuts, etc.)

- Vehicles for your personal use

- Cross-country skis or snowshoes
- **MOST IMPORTANT: bring your genuine desire to save the buffalo!!**

If you are not able to bring all of these things we have some gear that is available for you to check out during your stay.

Please note: we cannot accommodate new dogs in camp, although occasionally exceptions will be made. Please call ahead for details and written permission.

If you have questions please call our volunteer coordinator at (406) 646-0070 or email volunteer@buffalofieldcampaign.org / Field Season, volunteersummer@buffalofieldcampaign.org / Summer Tabling



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Volunteer Application for Base Camp

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Last Name		First	M.I. Date
Street Address			Apartment/Unit #
City		State	ZIP
Phone		E-mail Address	
Preferred Pronouns:		Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	
Date Available		Expected length of stay	
Have you ever volunteered for this organization? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If so, when?			
Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, explain			

EDUCATION			
High School		Address	
From	To	Did you graduate? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Degree
College		Address	
From	To	Did you graduate? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Degree
Other		Address	
From	To	Did you graduate? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Degree

REFERENCES	
Please list one personal reference	
Full Name	Relationship
Address	Phone ()
Please list one professional/educational reference	
Full Name	Relationship
Address	Phone ()
Please list one extra-curricular reference	
Full Name	Relationship
Address	Phone ()

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Company

Phone ()

Address

Supervisor

Responsibilities

From

To

Reason for Leaving

May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference? YES NO

Company

Phone ()

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT BUFFALO FIELD CAMPAIGN? WHAT IS YOUR MOTIVATION FOR JOINING OUR CAMPAIGN?

DESCRIBE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES SURROUNDING THE SLAUGHTER AND HARASSMENT OF AMERICA'S WILD BUFFALO.

DESCRIBE ANY PREVIOUS VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE/CIVIC INVOLVEMENT (INCLUDE ORGANIZATION).

IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU THINK YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE SURVIVAL OF AMERICA'S LAST FREE

ROAMING BUFFALO?

BUFFALO FIELD CAMPAIGN IS CONSTANTLY WORKING IN AND OUT OF THE FIELD. MANY SKILLS ARE NEEDED TO KEEP OUR ORGANIZATION RUNNING STRONG. PLEASE CHECK THE SKILLS THAT APPLY TO YOU.

- Wildlife Observation/Experience
- Extreme Climate/Elevation Experience
- Ski/Snowshoe
- Communal Living
- Masonry
- Carpentry
- Electronics
- Computers
- Programming
- Office/Clerical
- Internet
- Car repair
- Driving (valid license, any violations on license?):
 - Automatic
 - Manual
- Visual Arts
- Literary Arts
- Performing Arts
- Public Speaking
- Grant Writing
- Cooking For Large Groups
- Photography:
 - Video
 - Still
- Video Editing
- Media/Press
- Equipment repair
- Medical Training
- Outdoor skills
- Legal Knowledge
- Other:

Do you have any conditions which may limit your participation as a volunteer? Please explain.

Is there anything else you would like to add that you think would be helpful or useful as part of this application?

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE (Mail-in)

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to volunteer acceptance, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my release.

Signature

Date

DISCLAIMER AND VERIFICATION (Online)

Please check boxes to agree with statements below.

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