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YOUTH & TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES at ASI's CREAMER'S FIELD MIGRATION STATION

There are many interesting learning opportunities for youth and teens at ASI's bird banding station! It is a great way to explore interests and potential career paths in birds, science, research, and conservation. Youth and teen volunteers can be trained to open, close, and check mist nets, extract birds and transport them to the station, and record data.

It is important to remember that the safety of the birds and volunteers is always our top priority. Younger children are welcome to visit, but **volunteers must be at least 10 years old. Youth volunteers ages 10-14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.** CFMS is an active and busy research project, and so the accompanying parent or guardian is responsible for direct supervision of the child at all times. This includes accompanying the child on every net check. Teens (ages 15 and older) may volunteer without a parent/guardian with the permission of the station manager. It may be possible to find a mentor to accompany interested youth volunteers if a parent or guardian is not available.

Youth and teen volunteers sign up on our regular volunteer calendar, found on our website. One youth or teen volunteer is allowed per shift. Please put the word 'youth' or 'teen' by their name. It is recommended that youth and teens begin by volunteering for half shifts.

Please contact Robert at ASI.science@aksongbird.org to discuss possibilities for youth and teen volunteers, or if you are interested in being a mentor.