Sea Otter Savvy
Volunteer Field Observer Application – 2018

Please provide the following information to be considered for this volunteer or internship position (circle one).

1. Name: First                                       Last                                          MI

2. Mailing (street) address: ________________________________________________________________

3. City: __________________________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________

4. Phone (best place to call):     ☐ home (   )

☐ cell (   ) ____________________________     ☐ work (   ) ____________________________

Email (required)____________________________________________________________________________

5. Are you able to make a 3-month commitment of 1 shift each week?   ☐ yes   ☐ no

☐ I do have a commitment I’ve made; I’ll be away

☐ Sorry, I can’t participate now and would like you to save my application for a later date.

6. Are you at least 18 years of age?    ☐ yes   ☐ no

Have you reviewed the volunteer position description?    ☐ yes   ☐ no

7. This can be a physically demanding position with lifting equipment, walking, standing, working in various kinds of weather, utilizing a telescope and other specialized equipment. Do you have any physical limitations that might hinder your ability to complete tasks as described in the job description?

☐ yes   ☐ no

8. Do you have a vehicle (car or truck) to transport yourself and the equipment to the different locations along the Central California coast?    ☐ yes   ☐ no

I am able to travel for shifts at these sites: Moss Landing ☐ Monterey ☐ Morro Bay ☐ Avila Beach ☐

9. Do you have a cell phone for communicating with team members in the field?    ☐ yes   ☐ no

10. I am most interested in volunteer shifts related to (check all that apply):

Wildlife Disturbance Research ☐ Science Communication/Outreach ☐ Environmental Policy ☐
11. Please check any of the following if they apply to you:

☐ I have a spotting scope and/or binoculars I'm willing to use for my shift (if yes, circle which)

☐ I'm a college student looking for experience

I attend _____________________________

(name of college, university, school, major)

11. Please describe your experience with fieldwork (observing animals in the wild). Please be as detailed as you can and include experience with any field equipment used (binoculars, spotting scope, GPS, etc.) (attach additional sheet if needed):

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12. Please list any courses you have completed in biology, behavioral ecology and/or animal behavior, natural history, science communication, environmental policy (additional sheet is fine):

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13. Please describe any additional skills you bring to the program, such as experience interacting with/interpreting to the public (kids and/or adults), computer skills (specify all competencies: applications, data entry, web design), optical or other equipment maintenance, leadership, teaching, creative writing, photography etc. (attach additional sheet if needed):

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14. What are you looking forward to most, if selected for this position?

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15. What hobbies and activities do you enjoy?

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16. Volunteers work on shifts at various times of day. Please indicate all shifts you are available and indicate preferences (list shifts 1 = preferred, 2 = second choice, 3 = third choice, etc.) Cross out any shift for which you are unavailable:

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17. Is there another applicant or existing Sea Otter Savvy volunteer with whom you would like to partner?  □ yes  □ no  If yes, list name(s)__________________________________________

18. Emergency Contact Info

Name:__________________________________________________________

Phone:________________________________________________________

Relationship:_________________________________________________

Signature_____________________________________________________  Date__________________________

Return completed application to:  
Gena Bentall  
Program Coordinator  
Sea Otter Savvy  
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Watsonville, CA 95076  
or electronically to gena@seaottersavvy.org