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GUIDELINES FOR ASSISTANT FIELD TRIP LEADERS

SOUTH SOUND BIRD ALLIANCE

Your field trip leader or the Field Trip Chair should contact you before the field trip day to confirm time and place.

Arrive 15 minutes early with the Liability Form (attached), pen, and a clipboard or something similar. Greet folks as they arrive and ask them to sign the form. Give the form to the leader when everyone has signed.

The leader will do introductions before the walk starts. Pay attention to anyone who might need extra assistance, i.e. no binoculars, mobility issues, self-identifies as new birder. Position yourself toward the back of the group during the walk to assist anyone who needs help or to keep stragglers attached to the group.

Answer the questions that you can and seek the help of the leader for those questions that you can't answer. Encourage participants to come to future SSBA events like Birds & Brew, monthly speaker programs, and other field trips, including Birds with Breakfast.

Decide with the leader which one of you will report the number of participants and how the walk went to the Field Trip coordinator.

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FIELD TRIP LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

By signing this form, I release the South Sound Bird Alliance (SSBA) from any and all liability in the event I am injured while participating in this field trip sponsored by SSBA. I am aware that field trips may involve certain dangers, including, but not limited to, the hazards of traveling and walking in undeveloped and natural areas, injury or illness in remote places without medical aid, and unforeseen events caused by the forces of nature. I, for my family, my estate, and myself, hereby waive any claim of liability against SSBA, its field trip leaders, board members, and volunteers for any claims of personal injury to me and/or claims made by others for personal injury or property allegedly caused by me.

NAME AND SIGNATURE CONTACT INFORMATION

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