

What's it for?

NRCS PER-003, Earth Team Group Form should be used when you sign up a sponsored group like a no-till club or environmental class for an event such as tree planting, stream water monitoring, or data collecting.

This form may also be used for one-time or intermittent volunteers who may or may not provide continuing or regular service.

Useful Tips for Using the Form

Only two signatures are required on this form -

- the group leader (a social security number and date of birth are needed)
- the NRCS representative

Individual group members are listed on the back of the form. The social security number, address, telephone number, and date of birth are optional for group members. However, in the event a group member is injured in his or her capacity as an Earth Team Volunteer Group member, it is the responsibility of the group leader to obtain this information.

Individual members of a group must meet the Earth Team minimum age requirement of 14 years.

Using the Form for One-time Volunteers

The group would be your county office volunteer group. The group leader would be the volunteer supervisor. That person may also be the NRCS representative.

List the individual names on the back of the form and note the job performed, date, and number of volunteer hours. Remember, only record individuals who are one-time volunteers working a few hours. You can continue to add members to this group on different dates, but only input this group in the database once per quarter or year.

It's not a lot of paperwork, but you benefit by having a list of what volunteers are doing to assist you and a count of volunteer hours. It is also a good resource list for potential help in the future.

If you have questions about using the group form, please call your state volunteer coordinator, or 1-888-LANDCARE (888-526-3227).

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