



FALCONRY SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

Required under authority of Part 401, 1994 of Act 451, as amended.

SPONSOR AGREEMENT

I, _____ to sponsor the individual named below and to abide by the following:
Print Sponsors Name

1. I live within a reasonable distance from my apprentice, which facilitates and aids in the below said duties.
2. I will actively participate in the training of my apprentice to include, but not limited to the capture, manning, training and hunting of my apprentice's bird.
3. I have discussed, with my apprentice, the State and Federal falconry regulations and the proper sponsor/apprentice procedures.
4. I will write a letter of withdrawal to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Wildlife Division, Permit Specialist if circumstances arise which prohibit me from furthering my sponsorship requirements.
5. I will attempt to give reasonable notice to my apprentice, for the purpose of him or her locating another sponsor, if I decide to withdraw.
6. After 24 months of active participation with a falconry bird, I will assess my apprentice's falconry skills and either write a letter to the Michigan DNR, Wildlife Division, Permit Specialist recommending advancement to the General Falconry class, or notify my apprentice of his or her weaknesses and what improvements should be made. When such improvements have been made I will immediately submit a letter to the Michigan DNR, Wildlife Division, Permit Specialist recommending the advancement to the class of General Falconer.

APPRENTICE AGREEMENT

I, _____ hereby agree to apprentice under the individual named below and to abide by the following:
Print Apprentice Name

1. I will maintain reasonable contact with my sponsor so that he or she may assess the need to be present during the training of my bird to include, but not limited to the equipment and mew, capture, manning, weight control, hunting, and the health and condition of my bird.
2. I have discussed the State and Federal falconry regulations with my sponsor and understand that before I can become eligible for General Falconry status:
 - a) I must acquire a freshly trapped regulatory approved raptor from the wild.
 - b) I must have a bird for a total of at least 24 months.
 - c) Any time without a bird does not count toward the 24 month accrual.
 - d) Any time without a sponsor does not count toward the 24 month accrual.
 - e) I must participate in the sport of falconry during the 24 month time period.
3. I understand that I must have a sponsor the entire time I hold an apprentice permit. If however, my sponsor withdraws, I will promptly find another sponsor. At no time will I trap a bird without a current Falconry Sponsorship Agreement (PR2645) on file with the Michigan DNR, Wildlife Division, Permit Specialist.
4. After 24 months of apprenticeship and active participation in the sport of falconry, I understand that my sponsor will make an honest and reasonable judgment of my basic falconry skills and either deny or recommend advancement to the class of General Falconer.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS: (NOTE: The reverse of this document may also be used. Initial all addendums.)

Sponsor Name & Address (Please Print)	Sponsor Signature	Permit # & State	Date
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Apprentice Name & Address (Please Print)	Apprentice Signature	Permit # & State	Date
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