Unit Name: Cornell Lab of Ornithology Conservation Science Department

Date: ___________________

University Volunteer Name: ____________________________________________

University Volunteer Title: Field Volunteer for Ivory-bill Project

University Volunteer Duty:

Volunteers will aid our full-time field biologists in the search for Ivory-billed Woodpeckers in an official capacity with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Volunteers will staff observation stations and survey areas in the Cache River and White River National Wildlife Refuges. Volunteers will receive training in search techniques, welfare considerations for Ivory-billed Woodpeckers, data collection, equipment use, safety concerns, and basic natural history of the local ecosystem. Volunteers will learn the area by participating in field trips and by using our GIS based mapping system. They will spend 10-12 hours/day in a canoe or on foot looking and listening for evidence of Ivory-billed Woodpeckers following established protocols. Field conditions can be difficult, with temperatures dipping below 32 degrees F in winter and exceeding 85 degrees F in spring.

Requirements:
- Minimum 2-week commitment to begin on standardized dates
- Strong birding skills
- Dedication to finding a very elusive bird under adverse field conditions
- Strong boating skills
- 18 years of age or older

What we provide:
- Lodging – comfortable group living with Cornell staff in a local duck lodge.
- Field Equipment – canoes/paddles/pfd, GPS unit, video camera.
- Supervision/Training– supervisor and technicians will provide daily assignments/debriefing, help with data collection and troubleshooting logistic problems.

What Volunteer provides:
- Travel to and from St. Charles, Arkansas
- Food
- Field clothing – must have camouflaged outer layer
- Water bottles/thermos, waders (optional), rubber boots, binoculars

University Volunteer Signature: ____________________________________________

Date: ___________________