

High Country Conservation Center's Certified Master Mountain Composter 2009 Application



Date Received: _____ (For Office Use Only)

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Cell: _____ Work: _____

Note: Please read the entire application before signing the Master Mountain Composter Commitment on page 4.

To be considered for the Certified Master Mountain Composter program:

- *All applications must be accompanied by the application fee of \$50 (If you are not selected, your check will be returned)*
- *All applicants must attend all three sessions of the MMC Program – June 18th, June 25th, and July 9th (If you cannot attend all three session, you have the option of dropping in to one or two of the classes at the drop-in rate. Drop-ins do not receive the MMC Certification. Another option is to pay \$75 for the MMC Manual and materials and attend as many sessions as you like – this option is not MMC Certified).*
- *All applicants must complete 15 volunteer hours of Community Outreach for the High Country Conservation Center (If you cannot complete the 15 hours, you can pay \$75 for the MMC Manual and materials and attend all three sessions to become a “Trained” Master Mountain Composter – not certified).*

Questions regarding this application or the Master Mountain Composter program should be directed to Jennifer Santry at jen@highcountryconservation.org or 970-668-5703. Return the completed application by Friday, June 12th, with a check or cash for \$50 to:

High Country Conservation Center (or HCCC)
PO Box 4506
Frisco, CO 80443

Or by hand-delivery to our office (where all MMC classes take place) -
518 E. Main Street cabin in Frisco

Visit www.highcountryconservation.org for more information about High Country Conservation Center.

Section 1- Experience

1. Why do you want to be a *Master Mountain Composter*?
2. Describe your level of composting experience. If you have no composting experience, please explain what interests you about composting.
3. What do you think is the biggest challenge to composting in Summit County?
4. Describe your experience in volunteer programs (scouts, non-profit, schools, etc.)
5. Do you bring any other relevant skills to the *Master Mountain Composter Program* that you would like us to know about?

Section 2- Background

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense?

No Yes (if yes, please explain)

Other than the above, is there any fact or circumstances involving you or your background that would call into question your suitability to serve as a volunteer working with other adults or youth?

No Yes (if yes, please explain)

Section 3-Grow a Greener Community/Community Outreach Interests

Not only does the *Master Mountain Composter* program help reduce waste at our local landfill, Master Mountain Composters promote composting at the community level. MMC “alumni” have conducted workshops in schools, inspired neighbors to compost, and have established composting systems at the workplace. They do a variety of community outreach activities.

The High Country Conservation Center takes volunteer hours seriously. All MMC students must agree to complete at least 15 hours of service in Summit County before certification. ***If you cannot complete the required volunteer hours, you must pay \$75 for the MMC Manual and Class Information.*** Volunteer hours will be checked periodically and all MMC applicants are required to sign the “commitment agreement” on the final page of this application before acceptance into the program.

Below is a list of example volunteer activities. **Please check three activities that you find most appealing.** Please note that this is not a guarantee that these activities will be available and some activities may have required participation involved regardless of whether you select it here or not. We will however do our best to offer activities that you most prefer.

___ Conduct a composting workshop in the community or teach a composting program in a school (4-H groups, clubs, board of directors, Boy and Girl Scouts...)

___ Write resource materials for composting classes, community handouts, or for local newspapers or other publications

___ Assist a business, class or whole school in establishing a composting program (help a classroom set up a worm bin through HCCC’s Worms in the Classroom program)

- ___ Advise an adult in a one-on-one or small group setting (help a neighbor set up a bin)
- ___ Work with a neighborhood group in setting up or maintaining a composting program
- ___ Staff informational booths advising people on their composting questions (Farmer's markets, special events...)
- ___ Facilitate other waste related activities and events such as Recycling Volunteer Trainings, Landfill Tours, Garbage Garage Tours, Reusable Bag Challenge Campaigns...
- ___ Other projects (please list) _____

Section 4- Master Mountain Composter Commitment

I understand my acceptance into the High Country Conservation Center's Master Mountain Composter Program commits me to:

- Attending all three training sessions – June 18th, June 25th, and July 9th
- Completing 15 hours minimum of community outreach time approved by the Master Mountain Composter Program instructor during the program year (ending December 31, 2009).

If I do not complete the 15 required community outreach hours by December 31, 2009, I agree to reimburse the High Country Conservation Center for the course work and MMC Manual for an additional \$25 over the application fee (\$75 "Trained" Master Mountain Composter fee).

I agree to follow policies and procedures of the Master Mountain Composter Program.

As a Master Mountain Composter volunteer, I will uphold High Country Conservation Center's mission. I also understand that I represent the Conservation Center's mission and programs.

The information that I have provided may be verified by contacting persons or organizations named in this application, and I hereby release from liability any person or organization that provides information concerning me to the representatives of High Country Conservation Center.

In signing this application, I agree to the above and affirm that the information I have given herein is true and correct.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

High Country Conservation Center programs are available to all without discrimination.