



## BUDDY BISON® USER AGREEMENT

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Usage Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Return Ship By Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Buddy's Role in the Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Number of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest in Buddy Bison and for helping National Park Trust to introduce Buddy Bison to families in your community. Buddy Bison has proven to be a wonderful ambassador to encourage children to visit, appreciate, and protect our national, state, and local parks.

We are glad to loan our valuable Buddy Bison full-size costume and ice vest to your organization, but we need to have your organization's agreement on certain terms and conditions of use before we ship.

There are many loan requests for this costume, and the costume when worn by your personnel will be the recognized mascot for National Park Trust. We therefore want to be sure Buddy Bison is portrayed correctly and promptly returned to us for the next organization that wants to use Buddy Bison to promote parks.

Please sign and fax or email this form back to the Park Trust at 301-279-7211 (fax) or [aylish@parktrust.org](mailto:aylish@parktrust.org) (email) to indicate your organization's agreement to the following:

1. Your organization will cover all shipping and insurance costs (replacement cost of **Buddy Bison is \$1,000; ice vest it \$100; plastic shipping box is \$30**) for us to send Buddy to you, and for you to send him back to us. We require that you ship him back to us, at the address above, by no later than the above "RETURN SHIP BY DATE" by insured priority delivery by UPS or Federal Express with a tracking number so he does not get lost!
2. **One person from your organization will accompany Buddy Bison and act as his handler the entire time he is present at your event.** Buddy's handler is responsible for introducing him

as the mascot of National Park Trust, a national parks non-profit whose mission is “preserving parks today, creating park stewards for tomorrow.”

3. It is very difficult for the person wearing the Buddy Bison costume to see their surroundings clearly. The handler should alert Buddy to any uneven surfaces or obstructions in his path and guide him at the elbow so he does not trip or bump into anything.
4. **VERY IMPORTANT: Buddy’s handler is responsible for ensuring that no child is overlooked by him.** The handler should alert Buddy when there is a child who wants a high-five or a wave, and help guide Buddy to the child.
5. **Buddy Bison must wear his National Park Trust Buddy Bison T-shirt at all times in public.** Yes, he must be fully dressed!
6. **BUDDY BISON DOES NOT TALK**, but he does run, skip, jump, dance, and play!
7. Buddy Bison must appear in full costume at all times – no headless Buddy Bison please! Even missing small pieces, such as the gloves, make a big impact on Buddy’s image!
8. Your organization will assure that Buddy Bison will not be used to scare children and is a good ambassador for our parks at all times.
9. Buddy Bison is happy to be photographed- but only when he is in full costume. You or your guests may send photos to [aylish@parktrust.org](mailto:aylish@parktrust.org). You can even share them with us on social media. Please refer to the Buddy Bison Mascot Guide for more information. Note: National Park Trust reserves the right to require the removal of any photos from social media platforms in which Buddy is not fully costumed.
10. Your organization will provide a **\$165 wear-and-tear donation** to National Park Trust on or before the time of shipment.
11. Since we have received numerous requests for the costume, we ask that you ship the costume back to the Park Trust within 3 business days of your event (s), no later than the above “Return Ship By” date, and send the tracking number to [aylish@parktrust.org](mailto:aylish@parktrust.org).
12. Your organization is responsible for the costs of repairing or replacing Buddy Bison and/or the ice vest if there is damage or loss of the costume during your use and until the costume and ice vest is physically returned to the Park Trust’s headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. If there is damage to the costume when it arrives, you must immediately notify us in writing and if possible email a photo in order to demonstrate that the damage existed prior to your use. *Please note that the full replacement cost of a Buddy Bison costume is \$1,000.* Please also note: Buddy’s head is papier-mâché and cannot be dropped or get wet!
13. Buddy Bison can only be used for your parks-related event, and cannot be used for any other purpose.

Please sign and return this form to us by fax, email, or mail to indicate your agreement to these terms and conditions. **The person who will be wearing the costume, as well as the person acting as Buddy’s handler, are also required to read and sign this form.** We will confirm Buddy’s shipment after receipt of your agreement. Again, thank you for using Buddy Bison to bring kids to parks!

Sincerely,

Billy Schrack  
Senior Director of Youth Programs

**ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED  
BY THE FOLLOWING AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Of Person Wearing the Costume: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Person Wearing the Costume: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Handler: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Handler: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_