



# Junior Naturalist Program Application

For **Returning Participants** Only

**Important!** Applications **must** be filled out (*by hand*) by the **individual** applying for the position. If modifications to this policy are needed, please contact the Education Department to make arrangements.  
(Please Print)

## General Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Goes By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Phones: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and Location/Type)

Email Address (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address of Guardian(s) (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Current & Rising)

Contact in emergency: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Phone)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (Relationship)

List any medication(s) you are currently taking: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you suffer from allergic reactions?  Yes  No If so, to what: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special needs? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please list so we may assist you \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size (adult sizes): \_\_\_\_\_

Can your family provide transportation to and from the Nature Center?  Yes  No

**Short Essay Questions:**

Each of the following questions *must be answered on lined paper in your own handwriting. Each answer should be about half a page in length.* Be certain to identify which question you are addressing when writing your answers. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year applicants must answer these again as well.

- 1. What was your favorite aspect of being a Junior Naturalist during the previous summer(s) and why?**
- 2. Describe some ways you can improve as a Junior Naturalist this coming summer.**
- 3. Based on your own personal challenges, how can you help new Junior Naturalists succeed?**
- 4. Describe one or more ways that your experiences as a Junior Naturalist have helped you in other aspects of life.**

**Availability & Scheduling Preferences**

Please check the times you are usually available for a volunteer assignment. Mornings refers to the shift from 9:45 am to 1:15 pm and Afternoons from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Please check **at least** one weekend shift. You will be assigned a specific team to work with throughout the summer. For instance, you may be placed on the Wednesday AM Team. If during a given week you have a family vacation, band camp, etc you may switch with another participant. (This will all be explained in greater detail later) So only check off shifts that you will be able to attend regularly.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
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I would like to work with \_\_\_\_\_ because  we plan to carpool.  
 we are friends.

I will be able to substitute for sick participants on short notice.  Yes  No  
 If yes, does your parent/guardian grant permission to print your name and phone number on the contact list of substitutes for distribution to other program participants?  Yes  No

If yes, have parent/guardian sign here \_\_\_\_\_

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I understand that in signing this application:

- a. I have read the attached information, and I agree to be guided by the rules and regulations of the Western North Carolina Nature Center and the Jr. Naturalist Program.
- b. I affirm that the applicant has provided the information on this form and the information is true, correct and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

Please return all application materials (*three application pages, current photograph, answers to essay questions, and permission sheet*) by **5:00pm on Friday, April 16th** to:

Daniel Clere  
Jr. Naturalist Volunteer Coordinator  
75 Gashes Creek Road  
Asheville, NC 28805