

Young Naturalist Program Application 2017

For Returning Applicants 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 Clearly!)

Application Checklist – Due May 1, 2017

- Completed Application Form (3 pages)
- Permission Slip and Photo Release (1 page)
- Current Photograph (that actually looks like you ☺)

<u>For Staff Use Only</u> Date Received: Received by:

General Information

Name: _____ Goes By: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ T-shirt size (adult sizes): _____

Current Grade: _____ School(s): _____

(Current & Rising)

Primary Phone: _____ Guardian's Cell/Work Phone: _____

Additional Phones: _____

(Number and Location/Type)

Names of Parents/Guardians: _____

Email is our preferred form of communication about the program – we will email program updates/announcements, scheduling information, and additional volunteer opportunities. So please provide email addresses you check regularly! If you don't receive an email from us regarding your application status by mid-May 2017, please check with us to make sure we've got your correct address.

Applicant's Email Address (required): _____

Email Address of Guardian(s) (required): _____

Contact in case of emergency: _____

(Name)

(Phone)

(Address)

(Relationship)

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

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 or dietary restrictions? ____ If so, please list so we may assist you:

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. **All returning applicants must answer these.**

- 1. What was your favorite aspect of being a Young Naturalist during the previous summer(s) and why?**
- 2. What are three things you would still like to learn in the Young Naturalist program? Why?**
- 3. When you were a new Young Naturalist, what was most challenging for you? How can you help new Young Naturalists overcome similar challenges?**
- 4. Which Nature Center animal do find most intriguing and why?**

If you are interested in being considered for a Shift Leader Position:

This summer, we will be offering shift leader positions. These full-day, junior intern positions will be responsible for floating between the stations, filling in when we're short, and helping us with the nuts and bolts of the program (bringing the "snake of the day" out, filling bird feeders, "Where are the paper towels?," "Help! The petting area is crazy," etc.). We will select 7 students (one per day) to help us in this role; each shift leader will be assigned to a whole day (9:45-4:30).

Please note: shift leader positions are limited. If you are not selected for this role, we would love your help with regular Young Naturalist duties and will schedule you as such.

If you are interested in being considered for a shift leader, please answer the following short essay question *in addition to the ones above*: **Shift leaders will be required to pay close attention to detail, follow directions and work independently on assigned tasks. Can you describe an example of a time when you demonstrated these traits?**

Availability & Scheduling Preferences

The Young Naturalist Program will run from **June 17 through August 18, 2017**. You will need to provide a minimum 28 hours of service in order to successfully complete the program.

Please check **all of 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 (ex: Weds AM) and will be able to swap shifts with other Young Naturalists to cover vacations, camps, etc.
- *If you are interested in applying to be a shift leader, please make sure you have at least one day where you are available all both AM and PM shifts.*

So check off all shifts that you will be able to attend regularly.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<input type="checkbox"/> Mornings	<input type="checkbox"/> Mornings	<input type="checkbox"/> Mornings	<input type="checkbox"/> Mornings	<input type="checkbox"/> Mornings	<input type="checkbox"/> Mornings	<input type="checkbox"/> Mornings
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I would like to work with _____ because we plan to carpool.
 we are friends.

Returning participants accepted to the Young Naturalist Program are required to attend one mandatory orientation session. Orientation sessions for returning Young Naturalists will be held on two days:

- Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM or
- Thursday, June 15, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Which of the training session dates are you available? 6/3 6/15 I am available either day

If you are interested in applying to be a shift leader, are you available to attend the mandatory shift leader orientation on Friday, June 16 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM? Yes No

Please place my email on the “sub list” so I can pick up for other participants. Yes No

I understand that in signing this application:

- 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 Young Naturalist Program.
- I affirm that the applicant has provided the information on this form and the information is true, correct and complete.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please submit all application materials (*three application pages, essays, current photograph, and permission sheet*) no later than 4:30 pm on **May 1, 2017** to:

Lauren Pyle
 Young Naturalist Volunteer Coordinator
 WNC Nature Center
 75 Gashes Creek Road
 Asheville, NC 28805

or

lpyle@ashevollenc.gov
 FAX: 828-298-2644
 Attn: Lauren Pyle

Permission, Liability Release, and Indemnification Agreement

1. I, the undersigned, am a natural parent or legal guardian of (name of dependent) _____ (hereby referred to as the "child"), and declare that I am of sound mind. I understand the nature of the Young Naturalist Program (hereby referred to as the "Program") and the activities involved and hereby grant permission for my child to voluntarily participate in the Program at the Western North Carolina Nature Center (hereby referred to as the "Nature Center"). I understand that my child will receive training to participate in the Program and will be required to agree that he/she completely understands and will abide by the duties, rules and procedures of the Program set out in the Program Manual, which my child and I will receive. I understand that my child will not always be under direct staff supervision while participating in the Program. I consent to this and the following: My child will not be supervised once his/her volunteer shift ends each time he/she participates in the Program. I understand that my child, as a minor under 16 years of age, may not be on the Nature Center grounds without the accompaniment of an adult other than a Nature Center staff member unless my child is volunteering. To insure the safety of my child before and after his/her shifts, I agree to arrange to have my child dropped off immediately before his/her volunteer shifts begin and picked up directly after his/her shifts end.

2. I, for myself and my child, do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Western North Carolina Nature Center, its employees, officers, agents and representatives from any liability whatsoever resulting from my child's actions, activity, or injury while involved in the Program and while on the Nature Center grounds before and after his/her involvement in the Program (except for activity that involves negligence or intentional and malicious actions on the part of the Nature Center staff).

3. I expressly agree that this Permission, Liability Release, and Indemnification Agreement shall be interpreted as releasing the City of Asheville and the Western North Carolina Nature Center, its employees, officers, agents and representatives, from all liability and claims to the fullest extent allowed by law in the state of North Carolina.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

PHOTO / MEDIA RELEASE for WNC Nature Center

Name of Child: _____
Last First MI

I DO _____ I DO NOT _____ Give permission to have my child's FACE appear in any media coverage approved by the Program.

I DO _____ I DO NOT _____ Give permission to have my child's NAME appear in any media coverage approved by the Program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____