

Ranger Naturalist Program

Volunteer Application & Commitment

Form



The Ranger Naturalist Program at Weedon Island Preserve in St. Petersburg, Florida provides a service-learning opportunity for high school students, ages 15-18, to build leadership skills and environmental awareness. If students choose, volunteer hours can be applied to Bright Futures College Scholarship Applications.

A \$75 program fee* will cover all program materials, certifications acquired during the course, and a 4-H club membership. *Program fee may be waived based on proven financial need. Student must qualify for the free or reduced lunch program.

Note: This is an application. This is not a guarantee of acceptance. Applications will be reviewed and positions will be granted based on qualifications and availability. Thank you for your interest.

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____ Today's Date: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Email Address _____

1. What school do you attend? _____
2. What grade are you entering this fall? _____
3. What is your age on June 8, 2017 (must be 15 or older)? _____
4. Are you available to commit to the program each Thursday and Friday 9:00am-4:00pm
(June 8- July 28, 2017)? _____
5. Are you available to work occasional Saturday hours? _____
6. Do you prefer to work
 - a. Indoors
 - b. Outdoors
 - c. A combination of indoors and outdoors
7. Do you prefer to work
 - a. Independently
 - b. With others as part of a team
 - c. Like (a) and (b) equally
8. What areas interest you the most (you can circle more than one)?
 - a. Archeology
 - b. History
 - c. Marine Ecology
 - d. Upland Ecology

9. Please indicate any dates you will be out of town or unavailable to work (we understand that families have summer vacations, however excessive absence will make it difficult to participate in the program)

10. Interests and Learning Objectives. Please describe what skills, knowledge, or experience you would like to gain from interning or volunteering at Weedon Island: Ranger Naturalist Volunteer Program.

11. Experience and Skills. Please describe any past experience or skills you could and would be excited to bring to the Ranger Naturalist Volunteer Program.

V. Commitment Statement

I _____ commit to the Ranger Naturalist Volunteer Program starting **June 8, 2017**. I understand that I am I am volunteering my services to the Ranger Naturalist Volunteer Program solely for my personal purposes or benefit without promise or expectations of compensation or benefits. I understand and agree that in the performance of my duties as a Ranger Naturalist Volunteer, I must abide by all policies and procedures. I understand that failure to comply with these requirements may result in my dismissal as a volunteer.

Parent or Guardian Acknowledgement

I give permission for my son/daughter _____ to participate in the Weedon Island: Ranger Naturalist Volunteer Program. I understand he/she is volunteering his/her services to Weedon Island: Ranger Naturalist Volunteer Program solely for his/her personal purposes or benefit without promise or expectation of compensation or benefits. I understand and agree that he/she may be dismissed for failure to abide by the policies and procedures.

IV. Signatures

I, as a Volunteer Intern, agree to the above commitment.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I, the Parent of the Volunteer Intern, agree to oversee the volunteer to complete the above commitment.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I, the Program Director, agree to work with the volunteer to complete the above commitment and to attain the stated learning objectives.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return completed Application by MAIL or EMAIL by **Wednesday, May 24, 2017** to address below. You will be notified of acceptance by **Friday, May 26, 2017**.

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