



Junior Naturalist Application

For young people 9 to 14 years old
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Busch Wildlife Sanctuary
at Loxahatchee River District
2500 Jupiter Park Drive
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 575-3399
buschwildlife.com

Date: _____ AM Session (9-12) PM Session (1-4)

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (home) _____ E-mail: _____

Other Contact Numbers: (cell, work, etc) _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number(s): _____

Why are you interested in volunteering at the Sanctuary? _____



Do you have any physical limitations that we need to be aware of?

(Please include things such as back problems, allergies, special medications, etc.) _____

The Junior Naturalist Program at the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary is a curriculum based project geared towards children ages 9 to 14. This program offers its participants a one-of-a-kind opportunity to become involved with the conservation efforts of the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary.

Junior Naturalists must be between the ages of 9 and 14 years old and pay associated dues of \$75 per six week session to cover expenses of shirts, manuals, activity supplies and other operational costs. Dues must be paid in full one week prior to the first day of each session.

The program is split up into AM and PM shifts, available 9:00am to 12:00pm or 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The Junior Naturalist Program is limited to 10 participants per shift. Children may attend only one shift per session due to limited space. Children must be picked up by 12:00pm (morning session) or 4:00pm (afternoon session). Children not picked up on time will be subject to an additional charge of \$5 per fifteen minutes after the pick up time.

The Junior Naturalist Program is very popular, so if the enrollment is filled to capacity at the time your application is submitted, your child will be placed on a waiting list. As spaces open up your child will be eligible to enter the program in the order your application was received. After your child completes each session you may re-register your child for subsequent sessions. These applications will be placed at the end of the waiting list and processed on a first come first served basis.

Junior Naturalist will experience all facets of the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary from animal care and food preparation, to native plant gardening, learn about Florida's wildlife, presenting educational programs, working with wild animals, creating displays and much more.



Risk Factors

Volunteering at the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary can be a very rewarding experience. Volunteers will have the opportunity to meet other people with similar interests, learn about nature and wildlife, help injured animals, and assist the Sanctuary in teaching visitors about Florida's natural resources.

Even though many safety features have been installed in the animal enclosures, working with wild animals can be dangerous. The Sanctuary's staff will do their best to help volunteers learn about working with these types of animals. However, because volunteers often work in close proximity to live animals there is always the potential to be injured, bitten or scratched. Simply being aware of this fact, using common sense, taking proper care as you work, and asking staff for assistance when you have a question will go a long way towards preventing any injuries.

Although most of the permanent residences at the Sanctuary have received vaccinations, the injured animal patients that are brought in for care have not. By volunteering to work at the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, you must understand that you are accepting certain risks. It is impossible for the Sanctuary to guarantee your safety while you are volunteering your time. We welcome volunteers to donate their time, but they must do so at their own risk!

Volunteers must sign the Certification and the Waiver and Release below before they can begin volunteering their time. Parental signature is also required if the volunteer is under 18 years of age.

Certification

I certify that I have read and understand the application and that the answers and statements given by me are complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false information, omissions or misrepresentations of facts called for in the application may result in rejection of my application or dismissal at any time. I authorize the company, and/or its agents, including consumer reporting bureaus, to verify any of this information including, but not limited to, criminal history and motor vehicle driving records. I release all persons, schools, companies and law enforcement authorities from any liability for any damage whatsoever for issuing this information. I understand that the use of illegal drugs is prohibited. If company policy requires, I am willing to submit to drug testing to detect the use of illegal drugs.

Waiver and Release

I wish to volunteer for the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary. I understand that in volunteering for Busch Wildlife Sanctuary there are risks involved in working with wild animals. I am also aware that accidents may occur during my volunteer work and that I may be seriously injured or even killed as a result. I am volunteering with knowledge of the dangers involved, and I agree to accept any and all risks of injury and/or death.

I agree to hold harmless the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, the Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District as well as their directors, officers, agents, employees, and members, who through negligence or carelessness, might otherwise be liable to me.

I understand and agree that this Waiver and Release is binding on my heirs, assigns and legal representatives.

I have carefully read the Risk Factors, Certification, and the Waiver and Release listed above and fully understand their contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and I have signed it of my own free will.

Signature

Print Name

Date

Parental Signature

Print Name

Date

If you have any questions, please contact the Sanctuary office at: (561) 575-3399

***Please send your completed application to:
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