

# Junior Naturalist Volunteer Application

## What is a Junior Naturalist?

Junior Naturalists are volunteers that help our summer day camp team. They are leaders that make the camper's experience at Ney fun, exciting, and safe. Assisting with all aspects of camp including leading games, supervising campers during activities, and working with staff to ensure this is a fun and safe summer for everyone!

## What are the requirements?

- Volunteers must be going into 10-12th grade.
- Must enjoy working with children, be willing to play, love the outdoors, and be an active participant.
- Be a responsible, trustworthy, and dependable volunteer. Be able to take direction, feedback, and follow-through with assigned responsibilities while maintaining a mature, positive, service-oriented attitude.
- Complete an interview with Ney Staff, participate in mandatory training, commit to volunteering for at least 1 week of camp.

## What are the benefits?

Make new friends and connections through staff and fellow volunteers. Build leadership skills and gain valuable, fun, hands-on experience working with children and nature. Volunteer time is eligible for service learning credits and is great for resume building.

## How do I apply?

Complete this form and return it to Ney Nature Center before the **deadline, May 1st, 2023**. You can do this (1) via email, [info@neycenter.org](mailto:info@neycenter.org), (2) in person, 28238 Nature Center Ln, Henderson, MN 56044 or (3) via mail, PO Box 93 Henderson, MN 56044. You will then receive an email that will notify you if you are or are not being invited to complete an interview.

## Dates to put on your calendar:

- Application deadline - 05/1/2023
- Interviews - 05/6/2023 or 05/13/2023
- Mandatory training - 05/20/2023



3. What skills, interests, and abilities would make you an asset to Ney’s day camp team?

4. Why do you want to be a Ney Nature Center Junior Naturalist?

**Availability**

How many weeks would you like to volunteer with Ney this summer (circle one):

1 2 3 4 5 6

Camp Week	Dates (8:30am-4:30pm)	Please check all the weeks you are <u>available</u> :
Week 1	June 12th-15th	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 2	June 19th-22nd	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 3	June 26th-29th	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 4	July 10th-13th (8:30am - 12:30pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 5	July 17th-20th	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 6	July 31st- August 3rd	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 7	August 7th-10th	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Will you have consistent transportation to and from Ney Nature Center?

Our outdoor challenge camps have one day of camp that is located at Kerfoot Canopy Tour in Henderson. If transportation will be an issue for you on those days, please let us know so we can schedule you for camps that do not go to Kerfoot. Can you be dropped off at Kerfoot Canopy Park if you are scheduled for a camp that is held there?

Please provide any other information about your summer schedule that you think would be helpful to us.

## Letter of Recommendation

*The student listed below is applying for a Junior Naturalist volunteer position with Ney Nature Center, where they will be assisting with our summer day camp program. We are looking for youth who are mature enough to work with younger children, are dependable and have a positive attitude, but who are also fun and friendly. If you can provide a reference for this student, please complete this form and return it to the applicant or to the address or email listed above. (If you prefer to substitute a letter for this form, please be sure to address the questions listed below.) Thank you!*

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

Please share why you think this role would be a good fit for the applicant, related to characteristics such as dependability, maturity, and enthusiasm. If relevant, please consider sharing an example of a time the individual embodied those characteristics or other unique qualities. *(use the back if necessary)*

Please rate the individual from 1 - 5 in the following areas.

*(1 - not related to applicant, 5 - core characteristic of applicant)*

Dependability:

Attitude:

Follow-through:

Flexibility:

Initiative:

People Skills:

Enthusiasm:

Maturity: