



2024 Young Naturalist Program Info Letter

Dear Potential Young Naturalist and Parent/Guardian(s):

Thank you for your interest in the Young Naturalist program for Summer 2024 at the WNC Nature Center! We are grateful for the trust the community places in us to provide a fun, engaging, and educational program to keep participants enriched over the summer.

The 2024 program will run from Tuesday, June 18 to Tuesday, August 13. We have a **15 hour requirement** for the program this year. **Applications and Release Forms are due by Friday, April 19th, 2024 at 5pm.**

The program will be fully in-person and will consist of both on-site shifts and work days. Shifts will be offered 6 days a week (Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday) in both the morning (9:45 am - 12:15 pm) and the afternoon (1:15 pm - 3:45 pm). Young Naturalists will rotate through different shift stations to engage the public with fun, nature themed activities. Scheduled work days will be offered on rotating Thursdays and Sundays. Young Naturalists will have the power to self select and sign up for the shifts and work days that work with their schedule.

Requirements for Applicants

- Be between 13 and 17 years of age on June 18, 2024.
- Submit a completed application and a completed Parent Liability Release Form by Friday, April 19, 2024 at 5 pm.
- Attend orientation on the week of June 9, 2024.
- Be excited to try new things and embrace the unknown.
- Be willing to follow the rules of the Nature Center and this program.
- Have an enthusiastic attitude and plan to have fun!

Program Fee

- We ask for a program fee of **\$40.00 (payment is accepted upon acceptance in the program)**. This fee helps to cover the cost of program materials, including a t-shirt participants will be required to wear during every work shift.
- If you are unable to pay the fee, please still apply!
- If you are able, please consider covering the fees of your student *plus an additional student* who may not be able to.



Additional Information

- Applicants will be informed about admission into the program by the middle of May.
- If you have any questions, please contact Teen Program Coordinator, Chrissy Cochran (she/her) at **(828) 259-8084** or ccochran@ashevillenc.gov.

We look forward to the chance to work with you this summer!