

Junior Naturalist Registration Packet Summer 2020

What is the Junior Naturalist Program?

A Youth Conservation Leadership Club of nature enthusiasts dedicated to protecting our environment through education. Members venture outdoors together to meet scientists and conservationists, participate in research, and learn about our natural world. Their newfound knowledge and experiences are shared with the public through community programs and nature camp. Junior Naturalists become Ambassadors for Kelley Island and our natural world while having unique and amazing outdoor experiences.

What are the program requirements?

- Attend at least one event each month during the summer (3 total)
- Volunteer during at least one day of Nature Camp (dates determined by early spring)
- Attend training days (mid-June)
- Participate in a group reflection about your experience at the end of the summer
- Be an Ambassador for Kelleys Island

Who is a Junior Naturalist?

Youth age 11-18 with an interest in nature. You only need an interest, though we would welcome a world-renowned mountain climber or an expert conchologist (studies molluscs), we simply want students anxious to learn, explore, and teach about our amazing outdoors.

What do Junior Naturalists do?

During the summer, we plan at least one event but there are often more. Events include meetings at the Kelleys Island State Park, a Field Trip, and volunteering at public programs as a Kelleys Island Ambassador. Meetings include participating in citizen science projects, improving our habitats, and talking with visiting scientists. Our field trips take us all over Kelleys Island and possibly others. We visit museums, nature centers, and parks with the goal of meeting scientists, learning and participating in research, and helping to save our environment through action and education. Finally, our

participation in public programming is meant to improve your skills of teaching and speaking with the public with the overall goal of getting more people interested in nature.

During the summer, Kelleys Island is overrun with visitors. This is your time to shine! Junior Naturalists volunteer as our Assistant Counselors and help lead games, songs, and activities, keep our participants safe, be a positive role model, and teach about our natural world.

Why should I join?

Be a part of a like-minded, nature-enthusiastic group. Explore what nature has to offer through fun activities and trips. This is hands-on science without the homework. In addition to having fun, we sneak in some important skills:

- Career Development – learn about science and education careers
- Field Research – learn how and why scientists do what they do
- Resume Builder – for your part-time jobs and college application
- Service Learning – collect hours for school
- Leadership Skills – become a leader by gaining confidence through public teaching

What's the plan for this year?

We have been working on scheduling trips and making connections for the Junior Naturalists. So far, plan on working with a Lake Erie Watersnake researcher from OSU's Stone Laboratory, creating pollinator habitats, working with citizen scientist to monitor our habitats, tagging Monarch butterflies, working with the Kelleys Island State Park and the Kelleys Island Field Station's Assistant, and more!

Interested?

Email Jackie Taylor at jackieruthytaylor@gmail.com so she can tell you about the next steps. Come to a meeting with the completed forms on the following pages. And Get excited!

Student Application

Fill out the following questions as thoughtfully and detailed as possible.

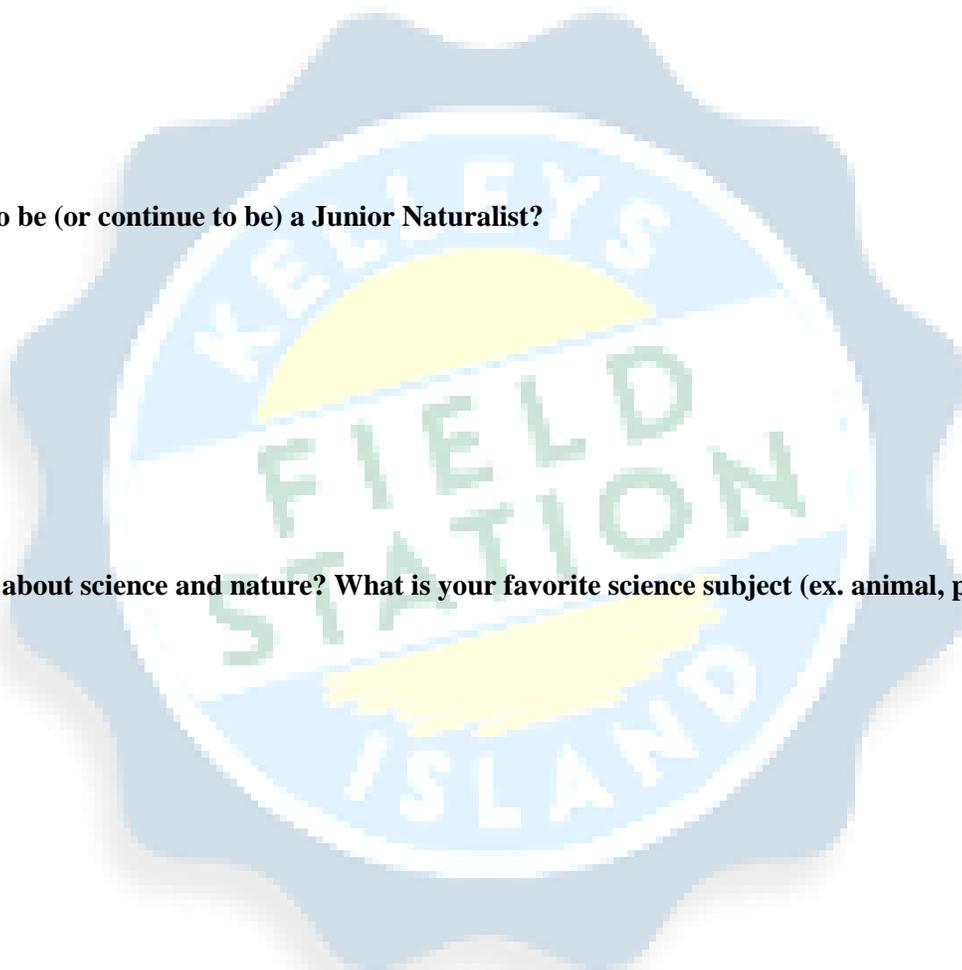
Name _____ Current Grade _____

What is your dream career and why? Or, what is your favorite subject and why?

Why do you want to be (or continue to be) a Junior Naturalist?

What do you enjoy about science and nature? What is your favorite science subject (ex. animal, plant, habitat, theory)?

How do you want the program to help you achieve a personal goal (ex. more confidence, public speaking) and/or prepare for your future?



Student Commitment Contract

Name: _____

Program Requirements

- I will do my best to attend at least one event each month during the summer
- I will volunteer during at least one day of Nature Camp
- I will do my best to attend the summer training days (mid-June)
- I will participate in a group reflection about my experience at the end of the summer
- I will be a Kelleys Island Ambassador for the Field Station and School

Outdoor Ethics

- Leave no Trace – keep nature as you found it
- Tread Lightly – enjoy outdoor recreation responsibly
- Land Ethic – before you act, consider your impact on the land (soil, animals, plants, water)

Behavior Ethics

- Be a positive role model – shown through your dress, attitude, body language, and respect for others
- Freely share your knowledge and experiences
- Respect the skills and interests of your fellow Junior Naturalists
- Be open-minded, positive, and ready to make a difference for the future.

Junior Naturalist Pledge

I _____ pledge to connect with the outdoors, and respect other's desire to learn and help them learn. I will use my **legs** to explore and discover the natural world. My **voice** and resolution to teach about the importance of nature. My **hands** to protect and restore our air, water, and wildlife. My **actions** to show others how to use and enjoy our world And, I will always keep my mind open and ready to learn more.

I agree to the above requirements and to follow the Junior Naturalist ethics and pledge

JN Signature: _____ Date: _____

Family Commitment Contract

Everything we do at the Kelleys Island Field Station is supported by the generosity of many people, just like you, who believe in what we do. This generosity allows us to offer many programs tuition free. We do this for two reasons: First, so people from all backgrounds may participate with as little barrier as possible. Second, to foster a gift economy within our community that is based on need, generosity, and shared passion.

Our Junior Naturalist program is only one example that benefits from this generosity but one our staff is very passionate about. Our program is very unique within the Kelleys Island Community. The staff work to invest time and resources to the Junior Naturalist Program and the opportunity to develop trusting and supportive relationships with the students.

Junior Naturalist Family Commitment

As a Junior Naturalist Family, we will support our student(s)' program.

Date: _____

Signature of Family Representative

Kelleys Island Jr Naturalist Registration Form 2020

PLEASE PRINT

Child's Name _____ Parents Name _____

Birth Date _____ (Month/Day/Year-Check Age Requirements-Must be of Age by Camp Date)

Island Address-Include Dates This Address Should Be Used

Home or Mailing Address-Include Dates This Address Should Be Used

Island Phone _____ Emergency Contact _____

E-Mail Address _____

Briefly describe any allergies, special medical condition, required medication or any other physical limitations your child has. A more detailed medical form will be sent with the confirmation letter

For 9 and 10 year old Environmental Adventure Camp-Please Describe Child's Swimming Ability

You have my permission to use photos of my child participating in Nature Camp. NO NAME will be used with online photos of Nature Camp.

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Registration Fees

Residents \$60.00

Nonresidents \$100.00

**Make checks to Kelleys Island School.
Mail to Nature Camp Program
PO Box 349 KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO 43438**

Permission Form

I fully understand that the nature of recreational and educational activities associated with Nature Camp includes an inherent risk of danger, which may result in personal injury or harm to my child. I grant permission for my child to participate in the program and activities of Nature Camp at the Bay, and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Kelleys Island School and Field Station, its staff, directors, employees, Agents and/or representatives from any claim for any injury or damage which may result from my child's attendance at and participation in the Nature Camp at the Bay. I authorize emergency medical treatment if none of the above-named emergency contact persons can be reached at the time of an emergency.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____