



Busch Wildlife Sanctuary
At Loxahatchee River District
2500 Jupiter Park Drive
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 575-3399
Buschwildlife.org

HOME SCHOOL
Junior Naturalist Application
For young people 9 to 14 years old
Please print clearly

Date: _____
Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Primary Phone#: _____ Other Phone #s: _____
Parent Email (required; all correspondence is sent via email): _____
Emergency Contact Person: _____ Relationship: _____
Emergency Contact Phone#(s): _____
Why are you interested in being a Junior Naturalist? _____

Do you have any physical limitations that we need to be aware of? (Please include things such as disabilities, allergies, special medications, etc.) _____

Which Session(s) are you interested in (circle): MON. 1PM-4PM WED. 1PM-4PM

*A t-shirt is required to attend the sessions. If new to the program, a t-shirt must be purchased. If returning to the program, an additional t-shirt purchase is optional.

Please indicate a shirt size (circle): Y-SML Y-MED A-SML A-MED

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 and pay associated dues of \$100.00 per session to cover operational costs. T-shirts must be purchased for an additional \$10.00. Dues must be paid, in full, at least one week prior to the first day of each session. We are able to accept cash, check, or credit card for payment.

The program is split up into AM and PM shifts, available 9:00am to 12:00pm or 1:00pm to 4:00 pm. 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 4:00pm. Children not picked up on time will be subject to an additional charge of \$5.00 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 Naturalists will experience all facets of the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary from animal care and food preparations, to native plant gardening, learning about Florida's wildlife, presenting educational programs, working with wild animals, creating displays, and much more!

Risk Factors

Volunteering at 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 residents at the Sanctuary have received vaccinations, the injured animal patients that are brought in for care, have not. By volunteering to work at 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. A parental signature is also required for those volunteers under 18 years old.

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 moto 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 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 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

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Parent/Guardian Signature	Print Name	Date

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

Please mail or e-mail your completed application to:

Busch Wildlife Sanctuary c/o Junior Naturalist, 2500 Jupiter Park Drive, Jupiter, FL 33458
or via email jrnaturalist@buschwildlife.org