



## Wetlands Institute

### **Jr. Volunteer Policy and Information**

**Thank you for wanting to volunteer at the Wetlands Institute!** The following information will assist you in submitting your application to become a Junior Volunteer. Please read it carefully.

**Who can be a Jr. Volunteer?** Any student who is 14 years of age or over may apply.

**What do I have to do to apply?** Students must submit a completed application form, a permission slip from their parent or guardian, and a letter of recommendation from one of their teachers. Applicants must also be interviewed by a member of the WI staff.

**What does a Jr. Volunteer do?** The primary job of all who work at the Wetlands Institute is to fulfill our mission: to promote appreciation, understanding and stewardship of wetlands and coastal ecosystems through our programs in research, education and conservation. There are many tasks to be done in order to accomplish this mission. Some are mundane and others are more exciting. We need help with everything from animal care and cleaning, to addressing the public, answering phones and office work, to assisting teachers with summer nature classes. We run special events that would not be possible without the help from volunteers and will work with your skills and interests to find opportunities that are a good fit for you at the Institute.

**What do I get from being a Jr. Volunteer?** A Jr. Volunteer has the opportunity to gain experience and skills through the variety of work available at the WI. By making a commitment and living up to the excellence that is a part of all that is done at the WI, each Jr. Volunteer can feel a pride and confidence in the knowledge that s/he is contributing to the preservation of wetlands and coastal ecosystems. A Jr. Volunteer can also fulfill requirements for community service as well as gain valuable experience that can be listed on college application.

**What is necessary to become a Jr. Volunteer?** We are looking for enthusiastic, responsible students who work well with others. An applicant to the program is expected to have the maturity and focus to accomplish the task assigned. They must also be willing to accept direction and the constructive criticism that goes with being in a learning position. A Jr. Volunteer should also be willing to increase their knowledge so that they can assume greater responsibilities at the WI.

**In this experience right for you?** If the above information describes and interests you, get ready to join the wonderful staff and meet more people like yourself. Apply to be a Jr. Volunteer today and see what unfolds.



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## Junior Volunteer Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Vaca \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Grade you will complete this spring \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (circle one)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to be a Junior Volunteer?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

When can you volunteer?

\_\_\_ Mon \_\_\_ Tues \_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_ Thur \_\_\_ Fri \_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_ Sun

\_\_\_ Year Round \_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_ Fall \_\_\_ Winter \_\_\_ Spring

Please list the jobs that you would most like to do 1 being the highest:

\_\_\_ **Admissions / Gift Shop**

- Take daily or special event admissions
- Assist in the Tidepool Gift Shop

\_\_\_ **Office**

- Answer phones and greet visitors
- Sort, Fold and /or Stuff; mailings

\_\_\_ **Education**

- Be a Docent, lead salt marsh, beach or bird walks
- Help with Summer Nature Classes
- Work with school groups
- Represent the Institute at local events

\_\_\_ **Aquarium**

- Help collect fish food
- Assist in feeding animals, cleaning
- Interpretation of exhibits/Touch Tank

\_\_\_ **Special Events**

- Help with holiday events/fundraisers
- Be our Mascot!
- Help with children's crafts and activities

\_\_\_ **Wings 'n Water Festival**

- a variety of tasks that help make the annual
- Festival a spectacular event in every way!



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## Junior Volunteer Permission Slip

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission  
(name of parent or guardian)  
for \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of Junior Volunteer)

to participate in the Junior Volunteer Program on site at the Wetlands Institute, at Stone Harbor Point or beach/dune areas in Avalon and Stone Harbor.

I give permission for Wetlands Institute staff to administer emergency first aid in the event of an accident. I further give permission for the staff to take my child to the hospital if in their opinion this is necessary. I understand that every effort will be made to notify me in the event of an emergency. I give permission for a staff member to drive my child in his/her own car if this is necessary.

I do waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Wetlands Institute and its staff for any injuries that may be suffered by the child named above during this program.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, notify:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any special needs (allergies, disabilities, medical conditions)  
Please explain:

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NAME OF MINOR (please print):

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Release for Minors (those under the age of eighteen): I, the undersigned, being a parent or guardian of the minor, hereby consent to the foregoing conditions and warrant that I have the authority to give such consent.

NAME OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (please Print):

\_\_\_\_\_

**\*SIGNATURE OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN**

**\*REQUIRED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Revisions to the text of this Release must be approved in writing by the Wetlands Institute prior to the activity in order for the changes to be effective.**

*Office Use:*

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

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