



Thank you for your interest in interning at the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center. Interns are important to our success and growth during the summer months. We need hard-working, dependable, enthusiastic, and animal-loving interns to make our 2023 summer a great success! Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate all applicants and thus the selection process is competitive. All internships are volunteer positions and therefore unpaid. Our program is designed for high school age 16+. Interns will participate in many hands-on environmental programs that include, but are not limited to, teaching young children, caring for animals, program preparation, cleaning, conducting presentations, and helping with grounds keeping. This program is an opportunity for students to increase their knowledge of animals and conservation along with sharpening their public speaking and communication skills.

Program requirements:

- Summer Volunteer Program is for high school students age 16+
- Must submit:
  - completed application with questionnaire
  - waiver and photograph agreement signed
  - two (2) completed teacher recommendation forms
- Must exhibit a strong desire to learn about and work with the public, children, and animal ambassadors
- Must be friendly, outgoing, dependable, courteous and able to follow directions
- Have reliable transportation
- Attend **mandatory training** on **Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**
- Must volunteer for, at a minimum:
  - At least any one weekday Monday – Wednesday as well as
  - One scheduled Thursday or Friday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm each week from June 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Preplanned dates of family vacations are excused given notice on application

To Parents/Guardians:

- This program is a volunteer commitment for the summer months of June and July for your teen. Please be advised that your cooperation, support, and encouragement are essential to the success of your teen in this program.
- A limited number of applicants are accepted due to the space and supervisory limitations.

Application Directions: Thank you for your interest in the Biophilia Summer Volunteer Program. **Please fill out this application electronically as it is a fillable pdf file and can be emailed once saved after being filled in. Email to: [jsoutherland@eowilsoncenter.org](mailto:jsoutherland@eowilsoncenter.org)**

# Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School you're attending \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian Emergency Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Weekly Volunteer Days Preference** – Please indicate which days you can volunteer

\_\_\_\_ Monday    \_\_\_\_ Tuesday    \_\_\_\_ Wednesday    \_\_\_\_ Thursday    Friday

Select all known weeks between June 1st to July 28th that you **are not** available to volunteer

June 1 – 2      June 5 – 9      June 12 – 16      June 19 – 23      June 26 - 30

July 3 - 7      July 10 – 14      July 17 – 21      July 24 – 28

1. In what ways have you worked with reptiles and/or mammals? Do you have a preference of which you would like to work with regarding food prep, cleaning up, and educating about?
2. Would you feel comfortable educating adults and kids in a public setting about animals you will have learned about at the Biophilia Center?
3. Please tell us why you are interested in volunteering at E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center specifically?

**Summer Volunteer Liability Waiver and Photo Agreement**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

In consideration of being allowed by the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center/Nokuse Education Inc. to participate in the Summer Volunteer Program, I hereby agree that:

- I agree to accept and abide by the rules and regulations of the Program as established by the Biophilia Center and to obey the directions of the Center’s representatives.
- I understand that video production and/or photography may be conducted during the program. I grant full and irrevocable consent to the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center and those acting under its permission or upon its authority, the unqualified right and permission to reproduce, copyright, or publish or otherwise you my photo likeness.
- I understand that neither medical nor health insurance coverage, or workman’s compensations or any other type of liability insurance is supplied to persons who are not actual employees of the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center and that the volunteer is responsible for all insurance coverage.
- I understand that working with or around any type of animal constitutes a risk of an animal having unpredictable behavior and will abide by all rules of safety while being in any area of the E.O. Wilson Center/ Nokuse property, or in any contact with any animal while on property, wild or captive.
- I understand and expressly assume the risk of any and all damage, injury, death, or harm which may occur to me or my property.
- I understand that visitors are not allowed to bring alcoholic beverages into the Biophilia Center and that it is a nonsmoking facility.
- I forever release and discharge the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center/Nokuse Education Inc. directors, employees, or volunteers and insurers from any and all claims and liability arising out of or in connection with my and/or my child’s participation in the Program. This release includes libel, invasion of privacy, negligence, or other fault that result in personal injury, death, or property damage during or in connection with the above program or activities. This release will be construed according to the law of Florida. This Permission and Release shall insure to the benefit of licensees and assigns of the Center and shall be binding upon myself and/or my child, spouse, and my/his/her/ heirs, estate, personal representatives, and assigns.

As a volunteer, you may at some point need to ride on an electric golf cart. You must comply with the following rules at all times when on a moving vehicle:

1. Absolutely no horseplay on the vehicle.
2. Arms and legs must be kept in the vehicle at all times.
3. As a passenger, the teen must sit in a **seat** at all times.

Through this permission form I agree that my child will abide by the rules listed above and agree that my child my ride on the electric vehicles when necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer Full name print and signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Legal Guardian name print and signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date