



Thank you for your interest in a summer internship 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 summer a great success! All internships are volunteer positions and therefore unpaid. Our program is designed for high school age 16+ and early college. 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, giving public information, 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 digitally
 - two (2) completed teacher recommendation forms
- Must exhibit a strong desire to learn about and work carefully with our ambassador animals
- Must be friendly, outgoing, dependable, courteous and able to follow directions
- Have reliable transportation
- Attend mandatory training on Monday, June 2nd
- Must volunteer for, at a minimum:
 - At least any one weekday Tuesday or Wednesday as well as
 - One scheduled Thursday or Friday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm each week
 - 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.
- This internship is safety oriented and your teen will not be handling mammals but are permitted to be close to them. With training, reptiles may be handled.

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. It should be downloaded, saved, filled in, then saved and emailed to: jsoutherland@eowilsoncenter.org** No applications will be taken after May 23rd 2025.

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 3rd to Aug 2nd that you **are not** available to volunteer:

June 2-6 June 9-13 June 16-20 June 23-27

July 1-4 July 7-11 July 14-18 July 21-25 July 28- Aug 1

1. Check each area you want to focus your time working

Reptiles

(care and education)

Mammals

(care and education)

Summer Camps

(education and supervision)

2. Would you feel comfortable talking with adults and kids 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

Date

Parent or Legal Guardian name

Date