

SUMMER 2015 JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS PERMISSION SLIP

Fill Out this permission slip and return to the nature center by Friday, June 19 in order to participate

I give my child, _____
(Child's Name-please print)

permission to participate in the Junior Volunteers program at the Maplewood Nature Center & Neighborhood Preserves. I am aware that s/he will use hand tools such as hammers, bow saws, pruners, and shovels needed to complete some projects. I will also ensure that s/he wears sturdy shoes and socks, long pants necessary for this program. One or two times, my child may ride in the city van and drive to a nearby (within 10 miles of the Maplewood Nature Center) city-owned neighborhood park or park preserve.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

Does your child have any special needs or medical issues that we should be aware of? (allergies, asthma, ADHD, etc)

Child's name and address:

Parent's name and address (if different):

E-mail address: _____ **Will your child be walking to the nature center?** _____

Home phone: _____ **Parent's work phone:** _____
Parent's cell phone: _____

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS if parent cannot be reached: _____
(Please indicate who we are calling – grand parent, friend, etc)

As a volunteer at the Maplewood Nature Center you must agree to the following policies. These policies are designed to keep the volunteer program safe, fun and productive.

- I agree to follow the directions of the naturalist.
- I will be on time and call if I'm unable to attend a session.
- I will use tools appropriately.
- I will be courteous to other volunteers.
- I understand that I won't be able to bring a friend with me.
- I understand that my contribution is important to the success of the work projects.

Junior Volunteer _____

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Keep and SAVE these IMPORTANT Program Guidelines

If your child attends 5 sessions, they will be eligible to receive a Maplewood Nature Center button and certificate. These will be presented at the **Potluck Party Awards Ceremony, on Thursday, July 30 at in the eve from 6:30-8:00 pm.** Parents and siblings are invited to the awards ceremony. Children who have worked at least three Jr. Volunteer seasons will receive a Maplewood Nature Center T-shirt.

Sessions are Tuesdays, 9:30 –11:15 am

2015 Dates: June 23, 30, July 7, 14, & 21, 28., Potluck evening July 30

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES:

ACTION PROJECTS:

This summer we hope to maintain and clear trails, plant and mulch shrubs & wildflowers, cook with a solar oven, do occasional live animal care, and more! We will take time to discover and identify new plants and animals.

We hope that you will learn from your child as well! Our mission is to enhance awareness and understanding of the Land, Water, and Wildlife Resources; to empower the community to become stewards of the environment.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the City of Maplewood and the environment!

Program Goals:

- 1. Perform work that helps the environment and the Nature Center.**

- 2. Learn work skills such as starting on time, planning and completing a project, cleaning up tools, and safety measures.**

- 3. Learn how to work as part of a team including boys and girls, and different ages and abilities. This includes building cooperation, trust, communication and initiative.**

- 4. Build self-esteem**

***Timely arrival is important. You may arrive between 9:15-9:30 a.m. to check in, get a drink, get your gloves, etc.**

***Attending 5 out of 6 sessions is important. If you can't attend a session please call the nature center at 651-249-2170. If you are participating in any activity or plan to take a vacation that would interfere with more than two of the scheduled sessions perhaps you should sign up for Trailblazer Volunteers at another time.**

***For safety reasons we ask that Trailblazer Volunteers do not bring friends or relatives with them unless they have registered as part of the program.**

***All participants are asked to follow the Nature Center rules - Leave leaves and flowers on the plants, stay on the trails unless given permission to work off trail, leave all animals and plants at the nature center.**

***Participants must wear proper protective clothing and bug protection in order to participate. Long sleeve shirt, long pants, sturdy socks and shoes are necessary. A cap is very helpful.**

***Please inform us if your child is dealing with ADHD or other special needs so that we can plan appropriate projects, adjust teaching techniques, and staffing.**

***When picking up your child please come in to sign off that you have picked up your child. If some one else is picking up your child please provide us with a written, signed note that allows them to do that.**

*** Indicate on the permission slip if your child will be walking or biking home.**

***Program goes rain or shine. If it's only sprinkling, wear rain gear, and plan to go out. If it's raining hard, we'll plan on indoor activities. If there's a severe weather watch or warning we'll cancel, as we are not an approved emergency shelter.**

If you have any questions or concerns please call Ann or Oakley at 249-2170.