



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Please return application to:
Elachee Nature Science Center
2125 Elachee Drive
Gainesville, GA 30504

Today's Date: _____

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Driver License# _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

We rely heavily on email communication with our volunteers on a regular basis. Our volunteer newsletter is posted to the web and we ask that you read online or download your copy to keep informed. Is this acceptable to you? _____

Email address _____

Employer/School _____ Occupation: _____ If employed, does your employer have a community service program? _____. If attending college, does your school have an environmental club on campus? _____. If yes to either question, please share the pertinent contact information:

Emergency Contact Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Describe any previous volunteer experience. Please include organization name, dates of volunteering and activities you participated in:

Do you have any special skills/talents that you would like to put to use? _____

Describe your experience working with the public or teaching: _____

Are you currently involved with any other community organizations? _____. If so, who? _____

How did you hear about our volunteer program? Please circle: Our Website Newspaper Radio Friend / Relative
If a "Friend / Relative", whom do we have to thank? _____

Please read the descriptions and select those activities in which you would like to get involved:

- _____ **Animal Care.** Assist with feeding and cleaning quarters for our collection of live amphibians, reptiles, and insects. Generally once a week, weekdays, 3-4 hours each time.
- _____ **Arts & Crafts**
_____ Put together gift baskets of purchased/donated items, to be sold to benefit Elachee Nature Science Center programs.
_____ Put your knitting, ceramics, embroidery or other craft talent to work making items we can sell or auction.
- _____ **Gardener.** Help maintain the natural gardens surrounding the Center.
- _____ **Family Community Events:** Assist with events geared toward natural history topics. Help with setup, activities, kid's crafts, refreshments, etc. Earth Day (Spring); Snake Day, NightFall (Fall); Winter in the Woods (Winter).
- _____ **Major Fundraising Events:** Pre-event committees and day-of event opportunities
* **Safari Benefit Auction:** Fall casual dinner with live and silent auctions
* **Flights of Fancy:** Spring casual cocktail party with live and silent auctions of nature inspired & garden themed art and decor.
* **Plant Sales:** Spring and Fall. Assist with plant delivery, stock organization and customer pickup of plants.
- _____ **Nature Shop Retail Sales/Merchandising & Visitor Information Assistant:** Greet and orient visitors to the center and handle sales and inventory placement in the Nature Shop and at community events. Cashiering or retail experience helpful. Outgoing personality a definite plus.
- _____ **Summer Preschool Camp:** Assist preschool summer camp counselor with educational activities. Weekday mornings for a week at a time during the summer. Love of children a must. Previous child supervision a plus.
- _____ **Trail Building & Trail Maintenance:** Assist in trail building and maintenance on a regular basis or on our trail clean-up days. Great for individuals, families with older children, and community service groups.
- _____ **Trail Stewards:** Hike the trails each week on your own schedule providing information to visitors, monitoring/maintaining the trails and collecting data.
- _____ **Volunteer Naturalist:** Elachee staff will train you to lead students on interpretive nature hikes on Elachee's trails. No previous experience is necessary - just a love of nature and a desire to share it with children. Please specify preferred age group. Volunteers are needed weekly or monthly during the morning, 3-4 hours each time. Nine-hour training session held each spring and fall and is required
- _____ **Weed Warriors:** Help eliminate invasive species of plants from the Preserve. Great for individuals, families with older children and community service groups.

You are the ones who know the most! Is there an idea or project you might want to spearhead? Do you have a great idea but need help getting it off the ground? Do you have a burning comment or question? Please let me know. We need more "take charge" volunteers who want to get involved and make a difference! _____

Special Note: Please realize that some of the positions listed have limited availability. Either the positions themselves are of a sporadic nature, or the number of people needed is limited and may currently be at full capacity. All positions require completion of a general orientation. Applicants may be required to undergo a background check and certain positions may require drug screening.

In signing this application, I understand and agree to the following:

1. My participation with Elachee Nature Science Center is strictly on a volunteer basis; therefore no insurance against bodily harm is provided me. I agree to release from liability Elachee Nature Science Center, a non-profit organization, from any and all injuries or damages incurred during my participation in any program.
2. I agree to abide by the policies and procedures presented to me during volunteer training and as updated thereafter.
3. I will take ideas, constructive comments, suggestions and criticisms directly to the supervisor assigned by the Center.
4. If communication problems develop between employees or other volunteers and me, as soon as possible, I will report these to my supervisor.
6. I understand that my volunteer assignment may be terminated any time at the discretion of the my supervisor.

Signature _____ Date: _____