



Seattle Audubon  
**Nature Camp**  
at Magnuson Park

Spring 2010

Thank you for your interest in Seattle Audubon Nature Camp's Junior Naturalist program.

Enclosed is information about our camp and program, and an application form. Feel free to contact us if you have more questions. To apply, please complete and return the application form.

Screening and phone interviews typically begin in April/May, but applications are accepted throughout the spring. If selected, you will work alongside other caring, talented staff and teens to help teach kids to love nature. Space on teams is limited, but you can request as many weeks as you like. It's a great way to spend a summer!

Thanks again, we look forward to hearing from you!

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## Seattle Audubon Nature Camp

# Junior Naturalist Program

Seattle Audubon's *Junior Naturalist* program provides volunteer leadership opportunities for high school teens at our summer nature day camp for children. Junior Leaders work closely with adult naturalists to teach about birds and the environment. They help supervise kids, teach art, present lessons, lead games and songs, as well as do teen group projects.

### Location/Hours

Camp takes place at Magnuson Park, a 300+ acre park in NE Seattle. There are ten Monday-Friday Day Camp sessions with a variety of themes and for a variety of ages from 6-12 and three Teen Trekker Camps for ages 13-15. Each day camp session accommodates up to 60 campers. Camp starts the last week of June and goes through the end of August. Camp runs from 9:00-3:30, Monday-Friday. Junior Naturalists work 8:30AM-4:00PM. There is limited space on each week's team. After successfully completing the screening process, you will be contacted and asked to sign up for one or more weeks throughout the summer (one week, M-F, minimum commitment, 10 weeks of camp to choose from).

### Duties

During the week each teen will be assigned to a "trail group" of 10-12 children led by an adult naturalist. Their main responsibility during this time is to help set up and conduct the activities, and to teach and supervise individual children within the group. Before camp begins, during daily recreation time, and at the end of the day, Junior Naturalists will lead group games, read, or conduct small group activities with the campers. As part of daily all-camp Opening and Closing Gatherings, Junior Leaders can choose to help lead fun camp songs and games. They will take part in camp set up and clean up each day with the rest of the camp staff. Junior Leaders will also participate in team-building activities, group projects, and daily check-ins with their Naturalist, and weekly Junior Naturalist staff meetings to have fun and to learn from each other and the staff.

### Training

Junior Naturalist training will take place before the start of camp. Junior Naturalists are encouraged to attend this 2-3 hour training session to go over topics such as teaching skills, child behavior management, and camp policies and procedures, as well as camp games, songs and crafts so that they are ready to go when they start their week at camp. After Junior Naturalist go through screening and interviews, the camp director will give dates of training sessions for eligible Junior Naturalists.

### Requirements

To be eligible, teens must be going into the 10<sup>th</sup> grade or higher, have an interest in nature and children, and pass our application and screening process (phone interview and reference check). Experience working with kids is preferred, but not required. All hours worked at camp can be used toward community service hour credit at local high schools.

### To Apply:

Visit our website at: [www.seattleaudubon.org](http://www.seattleaudubon.org) or email [naturecamp@seattleaudubon.org](mailto:naturecamp@seattleaudubon.org).



## Junior Leader Application Form

Please complete this form, and mail or fax to: Nature Camp Director, Seattle Audubon Society, 8050 35<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Seattle WA 98115. Phone 206-523-8243 ext 11, fax 206-528-7779 or email to [naturecamp@seattleaudubon.org](mailto:naturecamp@seattleaudubon.org).

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Eve. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time/place to contact you: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School you (will) attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Sept.: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any experiences you have working or volunteering with children:

Describe any summer camp experience you have:

Describe other skills, interests or experience that would make you an effective Junior Leader:

Natural history skills and interests:

Why do you want to be a Junior Leader at Seattle Audubon Nature Camp?

List any relevant training or certification (e.g. First-Aid/CPR, etc.):

How many weeks are you interested in working? (**One week. M-F is minimum commitment**) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the weeks, in preference order, you are available or interested in working during the summer?  
(10 weeks of camp June 28 - Sept 3)

How did you hear about this position?

Please include **three letters of reference**, from an adult (not a relative) who can speak about your character and experience interacting with kids.

I hereby guarantee that all of the statements above are true and correct.

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Signature

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Date