

Youth Naturalist Program Application

Summer 2017 **Application deadline: May 1, 2017**



Name: _____

I am (circle one) Male Female

Current Grade Level (circle one) 7 8 9 10 11
(2016-2017 school year)

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(s) _____

E-mail _____

Registration fee: \$130 (Please include a check with this application)

Optional T-shirts: \$15

Circle your size (adult sizes): S M L XL Other

Total amount enclosed (Registration + T-shirt): \$ _____

(Checks payable to: Prairie Plains Resource Institute)

Financial assistance is available - See backside of this form for more information

Medical considerations - allergies, asthma, medications, etc.:

Attention Students: You must complete the "Statement of Interest" below telling us why you are interested in being a part of the Youth Naturalist Program. **One completed teacher recommendation is also required with your application.**

Recommendations will be sent to Prairie Plains Resource Institute separately by the teacher writing the recommendation (see back for more information).

Note to Parents/Guardians: If we have more applicants than spaces available for this program, and your student is not selected for the 2017 program, the check sent in with their application will be returned to the sender.

Statement of Interest:

Please tell us why you are interested in being a part of the Youth Naturalist Program. **(Please limit your response to one paragraph only.** You may attach this statement on a separate sheet of paper. Responses can be typed or neatly hand-written.)

For Parents/Guardians:

I hereby give my child permission to participate in the Youth Naturalist Program and release the program, its supporters, sponsors, volunteers and staff from liability for any injury sustained by my child while a participant in this program. I also give the Youth Naturalist Program staff permission to seek emergency medical treatment for any injury that might be sustained by my child while in the Youth Naturalist Program.

Signature of parent or guardian:

X _____

Name of physician: _____

Phone: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Policy number: _____

Phone: _____

If necessary, may we give your child Advil or Tylenol? **Yes** **No**
(Circle one)

Also please note: Prairie Plains may wish to use photos of Youth Naturalist Program students in its publications, social media pages and for its website. Your child will **not** be identified on the website.

Please SIGN HERE to indicate your permission to publish or post any photo from the Youth Naturalist Program that might include your child:

X _____
signature of parent or guardian

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All student applications should be mailed to the following address:

Deadline for receiving applications: May 1, 2017

Sarah Bailey - Prairie Plains Resource Institute
1307 L St.
Aurora, NE 68818

Please email or call with any questions you may have about the program or applying.

Email: sarahppri@hamilton.net
Ph. (402) 694-5535

Teacher Recommendations

Students will need to have one teacher recommendation, to be sent to Prairie Plains Resource Institute by email or mailed to our office by the teacher. Students must request a recommendation from a teacher they have had during the current (2016-2017) school year. It is the student’s responsibility to see that a teacher writing a recommendation has the appropriate information to turn in their recommendation. (It may be best to print a copy of this application to give the teacher writing the recommendation so that they have the details.) **The deadline for receiving teacher recommendations is the same date that student applications are due: May 1, 2017.** A teacher recommendation should be brief (1-2 paragraphs) and should describe a student’s character. Teachers should email or mail in the completed recommendation and include the student’s full name. Please email or mail in recommendations to the Youth Naturalist Program coordinator, Sarah Bailey.

Contact:

Sarah Bailey - Prairie Plains Resource Institute
1307 L St.
Aurora, NE 68818
Email: sarahppri@hamilton.net
Ph. (402) 694-5535



Financial Assistance: Student Scholarships Available

Financial assistance is available to students that qualify. Scholarships will help cover the registration fee of the program. We are working with the Hamilton Community Foundation and the Merrick Foundation to provide scholarship funding to students from Hamilton County and Merrick County. More information will be available soon about specific scholarships from these foundations. For students that reside in Hamilton County, scholarships are based on financial need. If you feel you may qualify for one of these scholarships, visit <http://www.prairieplains.org/> to find the “Student Scholarship Form-General” to download and complete. (Look under the Youth Naturalist Program section in the middle of the page for this link.) For any student that resides in Merrick County, you will likely be eligible to receive scholarship funding from the Merrick Foundation to attend. If you are a Merrick County resident, please contact the Prairie Plains office at the time you are applying for updated scholarship info (see contact info for Sarah Bailey above).

Note that scholarship forms are kept completely confidential and are for Prairie Plains Resource Institute office use ONLY. If you believe you qualify and plan to apply for a scholarship, you do not need to send a check with this application (please make note of this on the application). Prairie Plains will review scholarship forms and notify students and their families about scholarship awards. Please do not hesitate to contact the Youth Naturalist Program coordinator, Sarah Bailey, with any further questions about applying for a scholarship.