



Shaw Nature Reserve
Missouri Botanical Garden

"Habitat Helpers"

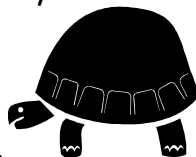
SHAW NATURE RESERVE

4th- 5th grade program

The Habitat Helper program is a fun and educational opportunity for students in grades 4th & 5th to them become more familiar with natural settings. The goal is to foster participants' appreciation for science and nature through games and activities that focus on the plants, animals, and ecosystems of Shaw Nature Reserve.

The program generally meets on the first Saturday (9:30am - 2:30 pm) of the month from September through May (excluding December). The May meeting is a special one as we help with the Native Plant Sale. This is the Friday and Saturday of Mother's Day weekend. We need one adult from the family to help on that day. Our part of this major event helps to fund this program.

If this sounds exciting to you, please fill out the application below and return it no later than August 1, 2016 at 9 a.m. The Habitat Helper program is free for all participants. This program is designed for a small amount of students; spaces are limited. Students are allowed to miss only 2 meetings. This program is in its 22th year.



Application to be filled out by participant.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

NAME OF STUDENT _____
BIRTHDATE ____/____/____ M/F _____ GRADE (2015-2016) _____
NAME OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
EMAIL _____
PLACE OF WORK _____
HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____
NAME OF SCHOOL _____
HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT OUR PROGRAM _____

****FOR THE PARENT:** Students applying for the program are expected to show interest and motivation in the areas of science, nature study and ecology. Students should be well behaved and show good responsibility, honesty, social skills and a desire to learn. Please help your child fill out the following

questions to provide us with as much information as possible. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary. A limited amount of students are allowed in this program.

What experiences have sparked your interest in science and/or nature?

Please write a short paragraph telling why you would like to become a member of the Habitat Helpers program.

What do you want to learn from your experience with this program?

This program involves hiking, group games and other activities than can be physically demanding. Please describe any medical/physical limitations that we should be aware of when planning activities.

Have you been to Shaw Nature Reserve before?_____Missouri Botanical Garden_____?

How did you learn about the Habitat Helpers Program?_____

Please return this form by: **August 1 (by 9 a.m.)**

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