



Shaw Nature Reserve

Missouri Botanical Garden

Trees Program Application:

What is it? The Tree program (Teen Reserve Environmental Education Service) is a fun volunteer opportunity for students ages 14-18 to lead interactive activities about nature during public programs and events at Shaw Nature Reserve. Through fun and educational activities these students plant seeds of knowledge and inspire visitors of all ages to enjoy nature!

Information

Applicants to the program should be out-going, willing to work outside year round and eager to learn new material and share their knowledge with others. Volunteers must fill out a volunteer application and pass a background check. Volunteers can use the time spent here as service hours for their school or scout program (no community service hours- ie court ordered service hours- are awarded). Volunteers will improve their public speaking and teaching skills through presentations to peers at the triannual meetings. Volunteers will also have one meeting dedicated to future opportunities: college advise, interview advise, internships available, SIFT application, scholarships available in this field, and skills to focus on for the future job they are most interested in. Shaw Nature Reserve staff will work with you one-on-one as you learn about nature. Volunteers also meet students from other schools, and enhance future college and job applications!

Expectations

Students are required to attend 3 triannual meetings (orientation/refresher meeting in June, presentations in January, end of season wrap up in May) and volunteer for 5 events or programs each year. In addition to public programs there will also be the opportunity to help teach the younger students in the youth ecology clubs. Shifts will be available on the days that Habitat Helpers/H2O's meet. Activities will be planned ahead of time with other Shaw Nature Reserve staff. For each shift, students are expected to arrive on-time, dressed according to Shaw Nature Reserve standards (volunteer shirt, pants, shoes, and button), prepared, and act in a professional and respectful manner while on Shaw Nature Reserve property.

When: June 2015-May 2016. There will be several options for programs and events that you can help with. We will have a orientation in June, a fun meeting in January, and an end of year party in May.

Deadline: No later than June 6th, 2015.

Cost: Free

If you have any questions about the program or application, feel free to contact Rachel.

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NOTE: We ask that students fill out this application.

Name: _____

Birth day: ____ / ____ / _____ Gender: M / F Your home
phone: _____

Your address: _____

Your email address (if you have
one): _____

Name of your school: _____
Grade: _____

Name(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s):

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Please answer the questions below. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

1) What experiences have you had which sparked your interest in science and/or nature?

2) Please write a short paragraph about why you would like to be a member of the Trees program.

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

4) Have you been to Shaw Nature Reserve before? Yes / No

5) Have you been to the Missouri Botanical Garden before? Yes / No

6) How did you learn about the Trees Program? _____

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

Please scan and email the application to: Rachel.Weller@mobot.org.

Or you can mail it to : Shaw Nature Reserve
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