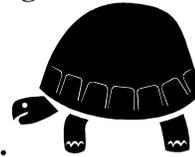




"HABITAT HELPERS"

SHAW NATURE RESERVE 4th and 5th grade program

The Habitat Helper program is a fun and educational opportunity for students in grades 4th and 5th grade to 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. Topics covered aquatic studies, prairie ecology, forest ecology, winter adaptations and map & compass. The program generally meets on the first Saturday (9:30am - 2:30 pm) of the month from September through April (excluding December). If this sounds exciting to you (or your child), 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 limited amount of students. This program is in its 21th year.



Application to be filled out by participant.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

NAME OF STUDENT _____
BIRTHDATE ____/____/____ M/F _____
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 strengths, skills, talents or special interests do you feel you have to offer this group and program?

This program can be very active with lots of walking, group games, hiking, and field trips. Please describe any medical or physical limitations that we should be aware of when planning activities.

What experiences have you had in or out of school, which have sparked your interest in science and nature?

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

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

Have you been to Shaw Nature Reserve before? _____ Missouri Botanical Garden _____?

How did you learn about the Habitat Helper Program? _____

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

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