



NORTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM AT PINE KNOLL SHORES
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Dear High School Student:

Thank you for your interest in the **2008 Summer Junior Volunteer Program** at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. This program is open to high school students ages 15-18 that are genuinely interested in marine biology, zoology and environmental science. Those selected to participate in this program will have the opportunity to work with aquarium staff and experienced volunteers in the **Education Department**. Throughout the duration of this program, there are opportunities to learn about the Aquarium and explore areas of personal interest.

This program is designed to be fun, rewarding and interesting. Volunteers become part of the Aquarium “family,” and must adhere to Aquarium standards for appearance and conduct. To be eligible for an interview, the following application and one reference must be submitted.

It is our hope that participation in this program will provide experience necessary for future education and employment opportunities in marine biology and aquatic science. If there are any questions regarding the junior volunteer program, please call the Volunteer Coordinator Chris Carlin at 247-4003, ext. 286. The deadline for applications is May 1, 2008.

Sincerely,

Chris Carlin
Volunteer Coordinator
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Junior Volunteer Application
General Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Other phone #: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: _____

School _____

& Grade: _____

Background Information

Please answer the following questions as best as you can. Your answers enable us to get an idea of who you are so we can find the best place for you here at the Aquarium.

1. Why are you interested in becoming a volunteer at the Aquarium?

2. Describe any past experiences you think would be beneficial to working at the Aquarium (this includes classes, camps, workshops, etc.).

3. Describe character traits you possess that could be useful for working with the public at the Aquarium

4. What do you hope to learn from this opportunity?

5. Do you have any past experience working with the public? Why are you interested in learning how to interact with the public?

6. When will you be available to fulfill the commitment of one shift each week for nine weeks, if selected as a volunteer (what day and time)?

7. Are there any topics or issues you are particularly interested in exploring during your time at the Aquarium? This may include a specific animal or animals and conservation issues.

8. Please provide us with any additional information about yourself that you would like for us to know.

Reference Letter: To be considered for the Junior Volunteer Program you must have one reference. The reference can be from a teacher you have had in the past two years or a school counselor. No form letters or letters from family or friends will be accepted. Please complete the following information for your reference, and either include the letter with this application or ask him or her to mail it to us no later than May 1, 2008. Include North Carolina Aquarium mailing information for the writer of your reference letter, if you choose this option.

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

How does this person know you? _____

Acknowledgment:

I certify that the statements made in this junior volunteer application are true and correct, and I have not knowingly withheld any information. If the information provided in this document is found to be untruthful, I understand that I will be released from the junior volunteer program. I authorize verification of all information contained in this application and grant permission for references to be contacted.

I understand that I will not be paid for my services as a junior volunteer, and that filling out an application for the program does not guarantee acceptance into a volunteer position.

I understand that as a junior volunteer at the North Carolina Aquarium, I will be expected to demonstrate a serious commitment to uphold the mission of the Aquarium, to maintain an environment of integrity for people and the animals, and to focus on customer service, with respect for all employees, volunteers and guests. I agree to follow all Aquarium guidelines and policies.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parental, guardian consent:

As a parent or legal guardian of this young person, I certify that the information in this application is true and correct. I grant permission for references to be contacted.

Signature _____ Date _____

North Carolina government policy prohibits discrimination based on race, sex, color, creed, national origin, age or disability.