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# **Youth Volunteer Application**

Thank you for your interest in the Youth Volunteer program at Alley Pond Environmental Center. Youth Volunteers are current high school students who wish to donate their time to our organization. Due to the popularity of this program and limited open slots, the application deadlines are strictly enforced. Once the application deadline has passed, prospective volunteers will be contacted by email to schedule an interview. Please note that being contacted for an interview does not guarantee a volunteer spot.

Name (please print)		Pronoun:		
Address		City	Zip	
Telephone (home)		(cell)		
Email		_		
Grade level		Age	Gender	
How did you hear about our volunt	eer program?			
Our Youth Volunteers assist us in r What type of work are you most in			joyable for each individual as much as p	possible.
ANIMAL CARE	BUILDING MAINT	ENANCE	EDUCATION ASSISTANCE	
Why would you like to volunteer a	t APEC?			
Do you have any disabilities that w	ould require special accommod	dation? If so, please	describe:	
How will you get to/from APEC? _				
Preferred availability: (Circle all th	at apply) PLEASE NOTE: nev	v Youth Volunteers o	re scheduled Mon-Fri after school until	l 4:30pm
Monday Tuesday	Wednesday Thursday	Friday		
School				
Previous volunteer experience/emp	loyment			
Do you speak a second language?	If so, which one?			
Skills, hobbies, interests				
for any services given. I further rel	lieve APEC from any liability of	or responsibility for	ntary. I understand that I am not compe any personal injury I might sustain whil fill my responsibilities, I can be termina	le in
Signature			Date	

Please return completed application to:

Alley Pond Environmental Center Attn. Volunteer Coordinator

229-10 Northern Boulevard, Douglaston, NY 11362

Phone (718)229-4000



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# Volunteer Opportunities at Alley Pond Environmental Center

At APEC, we do our best to find the best match for our volunteers to ensure a beneficial experience for our Center, the visiting public, and the individual volunteer. Volunteers will help the Center and their community while fostering their own interests, knowledge, and personal growth. The addition of their talents and hours of service enables APEC to increase their services to the community and to enhance its operations.

APEC's goal is to encourage environmental awareness, appreciation, understanding, and responsibility through education. One of the most important ways we do this is through our volunteer program. The Center provides guidance, training, and supervision for volunteers, while our volunteers provide us with institutional support and assistance. As a volunteer, you may be involved with:

### **Animal Care**

Change water and freshen up cages. Exercise and groom animals. Feed animals.

### **Education Assistance**

Keep crafts and activities for early childhood programs up to date. Assist early childhood and elementary science education classes as needed.

## **Building Maintenance**

Sweep and vacuum floors. Clean outside of glass animal tanks. Clean toys and tables in classrooms.

## **Special Events**

Help greet and direct guests. Help staff tables and booths. Assist administrative staff with bulk mailings.

# **Guidelines and Timelines for our Youth Volunteer Program**

APEC's Youth Volunteer Program is for high school students between ages 14 and 18 years old. We are not able to accommodate volunteers younger than 14 years old – no exceptions. To be considered for the Youth Volunteer Program, candidates must submit a completed application and participate in a group interview. If accepted, candidates will attend an orientation to familiarize themselves with APEC's facilities and their daily expectations. Acceptance emails post-interview will include orientation date(s).

The Youth Volunteer Program consists of 3 semesters: Fall, Spring, and Summer

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	Term Dates	Application Deadline
Fall Semester	October – January	August 16 <sup>th</sup>
Spring Semester	February – June	December 16 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Summer Semester</b>	July – September	May 16 <sup>th</sup>

#### CHILD PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE

I hereby affirm that I am the parent/guardian of:	
and hereby grant permission to Alley Pond Environme	ental Center to reproduce any photographs taken of my
child to promote programs. I consent that the photogr	aph may be used for the purpose of illustration,
advertising future events or publication in any manner	, including social media.
Parent Guardian Name:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date: