



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. **The application must be typed.** 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 _____ Pronoun: _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email _____

Grade level _____ Age _____ Gender _____

How did you hear about our volunteer program? _____

Our Youth Volunteers assist us in many ways, but we try to ensure that the work is enjoyable for each individual as much as possible. What type of work are you most interested in? (Circle all that apply)

- ANIMAL CARE
- BUILDING MAINTENANCE (*summer includes trail work*)
- EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

Why would you like to volunteer at APEC? _____

Do you have any disabilities that would require special accommodation? If so, please describe: _____

How will you get to/from APEC? _____

Preferred availability: (Circle all that apply) **PLEASE NOTE:** Fall/Spring Volunteers are scheduled Mon-Fri after school from 3:30pm until 4:30pm)

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

School _____

Previous volunteer experience/employment _____

Do you have experience with animals and/or children? Please explain: _____

Skills, hobbies, interests _____

I understand that the services rendered or to be rendered at APEC are completely voluntary. I understand that I am not compensated for any services given. I further relieve APEC from any liability or responsibility for any personal injury I might sustain while in pursuit of any labor or activity at APEC. Additionally, I understand that if I do not fulfill my responsibilities, I can be terminated with one week's notice.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/guardian Signature (if under 18) _____

Please return completed application by email to contact@alleypond.org



APEC

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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 clean enclosures. Exercise and groom animals. Feed animals.

Building Maintenance

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

Education Assistance

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

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 15 and 18 years old. *We are not able to accommodate volunteers younger than 15 years old – no exceptions.* To be considered for the Youth Volunteer Program, candidates must submit a **typed** 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

	Term Dates	Application Deadline
Fall Semester	October – January	August 1st
Spring Semester	February – June	December 1st
Summer Semester	July – September	May 1st

CHILD PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE

I hereby affirm that I am the parent/guardian of: _____
and hereby grant permission to Alley Pond Environmental Center to reproduce any photographs taken of my child to promote programs. I consent that the photograph 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: _____