



## 2019 Teen Volunteer Program

Dear Prospective Teen Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in our Teen Volunteer Program. Your commitment to volunteering contributes to the success of programs at the nature center and touches the lives of many people throughout the Pikes Peak Region. I hope that you will also benefit from the learning that takes place through the **application and interview** process as well as having an enjoyable and productive experience contributing to your community and the environment.

Attached is a copy of the Teen Volunteer Application form. There are several options to choose from. Please look at the volunteer descriptions and select those you are interested in. Most of the opportunities have specific commitments (i.e. a week-long nature camp, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.). Some of the volunteer positions work directly with staff, while on others you may be required to work on your own or with another volunteer.

**Junior Docent Volunteer Opportunity.** This volunteer position will:

- **Have required training on Thursday, May 30, 2019, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**
- Create more personal contact with nature center visitors at the beginning of their visit.
- Provide personal interpretive/learning opportunities for casual visitors.
- Provide teens with meaningful training, and service opportunities to enhance or develop public speaking and interpretive demonstration skills covering a variety of nature topics. Jr. Docents must commit to at least 4, 3-hour shifts during the summer.

**Nature Camp Aide.** This training and position will include:

- **Required training for new applicants on Wednesday, June 5, 2018, 6-8 p.m.** (You may skip training with previous approval by nature center supervisor)
- Nature connection, safety skills, equipment location, recording volunteer hours, guidelines for behavior, leading games and a general overview of nature camps.

Please complete and return your application to Fountain Creek Nature Center as soon as possible. Some options have limited positions available and will fill up quickly so send in your application today. I will set up an interview with you to determine where your skills and abilities best fit our needs. You may use this volunteer experience to fulfill community service hours for school and honor societies.

If you have any questions or need an extra application for a friend or family member, please call me at 520-6765 or send an e-mail to [nancybernard@elpasoco.com](mailto:nancybernard@elpasoco.com).

We hope that you will enjoy volunteering at Fountain Creek Nature Center.

Best,

*Nancy Stone Bernard*

Nancy Stone Bernard  
Nature Center Supervisor

# Fountain Creek Nature Center

## Teen Volunteer Application

### Return application to:

Teen Volunteer Program  
Fountain Creek Nature Center  
320 Pepper Grass Lane  
Fountain, CO 80817

Questions? Call Nancy Stone Bernard at 719-520-6765.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Current age: \_\_\_\_ Sex: M \_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: Month \_\_\_\_\_ / Day \_\_\_\_\_ / Year \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed at end of school year \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you or your parents hear about this volunteer program?** School \_\_\_\_ Newspaper \_\_\_\_ TV \_\_\_\_ Radio \_\_\_\_  
Friend \_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_ Nature Center \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent or Guardian Must Complete This Medical & Emergency Information:

In case of emergency notify:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Other emergency contacts (include name, relationship and phone): \_\_\_\_\_  
Please indicate any physical concerns you have about your child's participation such as allergies, limitations, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, I understand and agree that every effort will be made to notify my emergency contacts. In the event that they cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to park staff to secure treatment for my child. I consent to emergency transportation, if necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Informed Consent and Release

I, \_\_\_\_\_, offer to volunteer my services to the El Paso County Department of Parks and Leisure Services. I understand that I will not be paid in any way and that this agreement can be canceled at any time by the Department or by me.

I understand that El Paso County does not provide any medical coverage for me as a volunteer. I understand that I should obtain my own separate medical insurance.

I release El Paso County and the Department of Parks and Leisure Services, its employees, agents, leaders, instructors, and volunteers from any liability for loss or injury to my person or property which might occur due to negligence or other acts or omissions. This release applies to any losses or injuries which may occur as a result of, or during my participation in, volunteer service.

The County may use my photograph for any official Department publications and/or productions. I realize that this release is a binding contract. I have read and do understand it. I knowingly and voluntarily sign below.

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Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Parent/Guardian if Volunteer is a Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

*Application is continued on other side.*

The following is a list of our Teen Volunteer positions. Check the ones of greatest interest and mark with a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> choice.

- \_\_\_ **Junior Docent** –Must be at least 12 years old. With training provide interpretive demonstrations to park visitors. Learn and practice public speaking and presentation skills covering a variety of nature topics. Must commit to at least 4 presentations (3 hour shifts each) during the summer. **Required training is May 30, 6-8:00 p.m.**
- \_\_\_ **Junior Camp Aide** Summer Camps: Must be 14 years old. Work with nature center staff during a week-long nature camp for children entering 1st-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Teen Aides assist with all aspects of camp (i.e. crafts, games, hikes, supervision) and need to be available from 8:30 a.m. –3:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday. **Required training is June 5, 6-8:00 p.m.**  
Summer Camps:  
    Fountain Creek Nature Center June 10-14; July 22-26 & August 5-9. (circle preferred dates)  
    Fox Run Regional Park June 24-28. (circle preferred dates)
- **Special Event Aide**  
    \_\_\_ April 20: Chocolate Bunny Egg Hunt  
    \_\_\_ May 4: Family Fun Day  
    \_\_\_ October 26: Pumpkin Carving Party and Jack-o-Lantern Trail  
    \_\_\_ December 14 & 21: Nature Hike w/Santa & Horse-drawn wagon rides
- **Stewardship (must be accompanied by an adult)**  
    \_\_\_ TBD: Great American Clean Up  
    \_\_\_ September 28: Creek Week Kick Off

**Please answer the following questions:** Attach additional pages if needed. Teens must complete the following in his/her own handwriting. Use the back if necessary.

1. Have you volunteered at Fountain Creek Nature Center before? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, what new opportunities are you looking forward to? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why do you want to volunteer with Fountain Creek Nature Center? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Name/list two strengths that you have that you feel would be a benefit to the position you are applying for: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. List at least two interests, hobbies, or activities that you enjoy: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What attracts you to Fountain Creek Nature Center? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What new skills do you hope to acquire? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What personal traits do you have that will help you succeed as a volunteer with the summer programs in which you are interested? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Explain two or more things you do on a regular basis to help other people in your family, school or community. \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Please share two other things about yourself. \_\_\_\_\_

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