



TO: 2024 Rutgers 4-H Summer Teen Naturalist Program Applicants

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Rutgers 4-H Summer Teen Leadership Program: June 20 – August 16

Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Program and the NJ Audubon Nature Center of Cape May are pleased to announce the 2024 RUTGERS 4-H SUMMER TEEN NATURALISTS PROGRAM. Held at the nature center's environmental education campus in Cape May, NJ, this eight-week program provides students entering 8th -12th grades with an invaluable leadership opportunity and summer learning experience.

Enjoy being outdoors & working with children? Interested in marine & environmental science?

The program may be for you! Activities include assisting with summer children's classes, job-shadowing teacher naturalists and working with staff to improve the NCCM environmental education campus. Rutgers 4-H educators lead teens in youth-driven community service projects and teach valuable leadership and teaching skills along with successful work habits. Professional New Jersey Audubon naturalists provide mentoring in marine science. Enjoy service, teaching and social activities guided by professional staff.

Only \$250 for 8 weeks of hands-on experience & mentoring in marine science, teaching skills & work habits.

Selected candidates are expected to participate at least 10 hours weekly. We will try to accommodate your schedule. Opportunities to perform additional hours will be available. The program fee of \$275 provides for professional instruction by New Jersey Audubon and Rutgers 4-H educators and for the cost of all materials and activities. Please do not send payment with your application.

Application deadline is May 1st. Only 15 applicants will be accepted. APPLY TODAY!

Successful applicants must be entering 8th – 12th grades, and complete and return the enclosed application by May 31, 2024. Participation is limited. Full payment will be due within two weeks of your acceptance into the program. Don't miss this opportunity to gain important work and leadership experience to add to your resume!

Important Information

Selected applicants will be notified in May and June. A mandatory orientation and training session will be held June 20-21 at NJ Audubon's Nature Center of Cape May. In addition, mandatory planning and training sessions will be held every FRIDAY from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Teen leaders must also participate in the designated community service project.

PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND A MINIMUM OF 6 OF THE 8 WEEKLY TRAINING SESSIONS

Participants successfully completing the program receive a recognition certificate from Rutgers University, a 4-H Leadership Medal and an official letter documenting your volunteer hours.

Successful completion requires working well with your assigned teacher/naturalist and classroom, attending planning and training sessions, and completing and returning the final evaluation form. If you have any questions about the program, application, procedures, etc., please contact me by calling or emailing.



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2024 RUTGERS 4-H SUMMER TEEN
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

NJ Audubon's Nature Center of Cape May
Rutgers Cooperative Extension - 4-H Youth Development Program
Deadline: May1, 2024

Please complete and return this application to:

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PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

Contact Information

Name: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Local Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

LOCAL Address: _____

HOME address: _____

SCHOOL: _____ Grade in School: _____

Skills and Experience

What special skills, interests or talents do you have that would make you a good candidate?

Have you attended Nature Center of Cape May programs? ____ YES ____ NO Which programs? _____

Why are you interested in participating in the Rutgers 4-H Summer Teen Leadership Program at the nature center?

Please describe your previous experiences with marine or environmental education.

Scheduling

We ask that program participants are at the center at least 10 hours each week. We will attempt to accommodate your schedule. Additional volunteer opportunities are available upon request.

- Mondays through Fridays (8:30 am until 12:30 pm)
- A **mandatory** Training Session will be held each FRIDAY from 12:30-2:00 pm.
- Mandatory team community service project

If you have special scheduling problems such as weeks when you will **not** be able to work at the Nature Center of Cape May, please list.

GETTING MUDDY & WET ON A REGULAR BASIS IS NECESSARY FOR THIS POSITION. ARE YOU WILLING TO DO SO? **YES** _____ **NO** _____

References

Please list the name, address, and phone number of two people, other than your parents or other family members, who have knowledge of your work and your interests.

1. _____
2. _____

Parental Endorsement: Ask your parent(s) to make a statement below concerning what they expect you to gain from the institute and what he/she feels you have to offer this program. (Use additional pages if needed.)

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____