



EXPLOREcorps VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Overview: Our EXPLOREcorps program is open to students in rising grades 9-12 who have an interest in careers that involve working outdoors, teaching children, caring for live animals, implementing citizen science, and learning about techniques and skills involved in field biology and outdoor recreation.

Requirements: Program members will be asked to volunteer a minimum of two weeks in the summer for Discovery Camps.

Applicants interested in this opportunity should complete and submit this application **along with a letter from a teacher or community leader**, not related to the applicant, that outlines why the applicant would make an ideal EXPLOREcorps member. In addition, a short interview is required prior to acceptance. **Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with a limited number of spaces available, so please submit applications as soon as you are able.**

Training: All accepted EXPLOREcorps members are expected to attend a **training program** on a weekday afternoon and/or weekend day in May. We will be in contact upon acceptance into the program to find a date or dates which work for our members. This training will require a \$250 fee, which covers meals, training, activities, supplies and support throughout the program. Scholarships are available for those who meet economic need-based criteria (scholarship application available upon acceptance into the program).

*Email completed form and letter of reference to: kgorman@ncarboretum.org with rpreyer@ncarboretum.org cc'd or mail to The North Carolina Arboretum, C/O Education Registrar, 100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville, NC 28806. **Space is limited, apply soon!***

Name: First _____ M.I. _____ Preferred Name _____ Last _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade level for the 2022-2023 school year: _____

School Attending: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ (Cell) (Home)

Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian's Phone Number: (_____) _____ (Cell) (Home) (Work)

Parent/Guardian's E-mail Address: _____

Additional Questions

1. Is a member of your family an Arboretum member? (Parent) (Guardian) (Sibling)
2. Have you volunteered with the Arboretum previously? (Yes) (No)

Questions 3 & 4 specifically regard Discovery Camps. Please review the 2022 Discovery Camp Schedule at www.ncarboretum.org

3. Please list which weeks (Monday-Friday) you are available from June 6th to August 12th:
(Apart from July 4-8, when no camps are in session)

4. How many weeks would you like to volunteer (Minimum 2 required): _____

5. Our camps are divided into age groups of K-1, 2-3 grade, and 4-5 grade. We will require the most extra assistance with the younger age groups, but are interested in if there are any age groups you have less comfortability working with, or would prefer to work with: _____

Short Answer Questions

Describe any relevant work, education, or personal experiences that help prepare you for the types of work involved in being an EXPLOREcorps Member (working with children, hiking, nature study, working with live animals, etc.).

What interests you in becoming an EXPLOREcorps Member?

Of the weeks you are available to volunteer for (from question 3 above), which of the camps offered interest you the most and why?

