

Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium

Naturalist-In-Training Program

Thank you for showing interest in becoming a Naturalist-in-Training (NIT) at the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium. NIT's will learn what it is like to work at a summer program while gaining leadership skills and participating in fun, outdoor adventures. You will work in a team as you assist Hatchery education staff and become small group leaders during activities. Throughout the summer you will have an opportunity to participate in at least one week of programs.

Naturalists-in-Training must be at least 13 years old, entering 8th grade in September 2023, and have participated in Junior Biologists in previous years. The Junior Biologists requirement can be waived on a case-by-case basis for students entering grades 9-12.

To become an NIT, your application must be received **before June 1st**. Applications will be placed in the order they are received. Spaces are limited so send in your application early. Applications received after June 1st will only be accepted if spaces are available.

A **mandatory orientation** for all NIT's will be on Monday, **June 29, 2023^t** from 10am-3pm. During orientation we will discuss your responsibilities and practice techniques while visiting the salt marsh and Franklin's Pond. You will also receive a Hatchery T-shirt.

Naturalist-in-Training Application

NIT's Name: _____ Age (Summer 2023): _____

Parent 1: _____ Parent 2: _____ Grade (Sept 2023): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email*: _____

**Important program information will be sent through email.*

Hatchery Member: Yes No Exp. Date: _____ T-shirt size: _____

Payment Information

A non-refundable payment of **\$200** is due with your application.

Cash Check Charge *Checks can be made payable to *CSH Fish Hatchery*.

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____ CVC: _____

How did you hear about our programs? _____

Office use only: \$: _____ Summer 2023

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Questionnaire

1. Have you previously participated in summer programs at CSHFHA or another organization?

2. What were your favorite activities?

3. What were your least favorite activities?

4. What activities or hobbies do you participate in?

5. Why do you want to be a Naturalist-in-Training?

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Availability

Naturalists-in Training will have an opportunity to participate in at least one week during the summer program season. Your completed application is due by **June 1st**, but we recommend you send in your application early. Applications will be put in the order they are received. Spaces for each session are limited. Applications received after June 1st will only be accepted if spaces are available.

Check off all of the programs you are interested in assisting. You may star up to 5 of your preferred programs. You are not guaranteed all of your preferred programs so we encourage you to indicate all of the programs you are available and interested in assisting. A schedule can be found in our summer program brochure. Be sure to read the program descriptions to find out more about each program.

I am interested in and available to assist during the following programs:

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| Week of July 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Close Encounters | <input type="checkbox"/> Curious Naturalists | <input type="checkbox"/> Survival Skills |
| Week of July 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Survival Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Curious Naturalists | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Photography |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond Adventures | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Explorers | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Biologists* |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Marsh Exploration | | |
| Week of July 17 | <input type="checkbox"/> Wild & Wacky Weather | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Adaptations | <input type="checkbox"/> Cool Experiments |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Oobleck | <input type="checkbox"/> Mad Scientist | <input type="checkbox"/> Close Encounters |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Birders | | |
| Week of July 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Explorers | <input type="checkbox"/> Oobleck | <input type="checkbox"/> Mad Scientist |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Wild & Wacky Weather | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Adaptations | <input type="checkbox"/> Cool Experiments |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond Experience | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Biologists* | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Photography |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Marsh Exploration | | |
| Week of July 31 | <input type="checkbox"/> Close Encounters | <input type="checkbox"/> Curious Naturalists | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Birders |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond Experience | <input type="checkbox"/> Mad Scientist |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Wild & Wacky Weather | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Adaptations | <input type="checkbox"/> Cool Experiments |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Oobleck | | |
| Week of August 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Explorers (9am-12pm) | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Biologists* | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond Experience |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Explorers (1pm-4pm) | <input type="checkbox"/> Survival Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Marsh Exploration |
| Week of August 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering | <input type="checkbox"/> Curious Naturalists | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond Adventures |

**NIT's looking to assist during the Junior Biologists program must be entering at least 9th grade.*

Additional Comments: _____

I understand that as a Naturalist-in-Training I must receive a positive evaluation each week to continue assisting additional programs throughout the summer.

Naturalist-in-Training's Signature Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature Date