

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 enjoying 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 2025, 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.

The application deadline is **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 remain available.

A **mandatory orientation** for all NIT's will be on Monday, **June 30, 2025** from 10am-3pm. During orientation we will discuss your responsibilities, do hands-on experiments, 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 2025): _____

Parent 1: _____ Parent 2: _____ Grade (Sept 2025): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email*: _____

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

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

**Please indicate if youth or adult 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: _____

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- **All payments are final and cannot be refunded or transferred.**
- **No refunds or makeups for illnesses, absences or cancellations.**
- **There will be a \$20 per program transfer fee for changing your program session. Transfers must be done at least 2 weeks in advance and are subject to availability.**
- **I understand that the NIT Orientation on June 30, 2025, is mandatory.**

I have read and agree to the terms listed above. A signature is required to complete the registration.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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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 remain 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 requested 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. Your schedule will be assigned shortly after the application deadline.

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

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| Week of June 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Photography A | | |
| Week of July 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Curious Naturalists A | <input type="checkbox"/> Survival Skills A | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Birders A |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Explorers A | <input type="checkbox"/> Slimy Science A | <input type="checkbox"/> Mad Science A |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Wild & Wacky Weather A | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Adaptations A | <input type="checkbox"/> Cool Experiments A |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond Experience A | | |
| Week of July 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Explorers B | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Biologists A* | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Marsh Exploration A |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Curious Naturalists B | <input type="checkbox"/> Close Encounters A | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond Adventures A |
| Week of July 21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Close Encounters B | <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering A | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Photography B |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Biologists B* | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond Experience B | <input type="checkbox"/> Mad Science B |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Wild & Wacky Weather B | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Adaptations B | <input type="checkbox"/> Cool Experiments B |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Slimy Science B | | |
| Week of July 28 | <input type="checkbox"/> Curious Naturalists C | <input type="checkbox"/> Survival Skills B | <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering B |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Marsh Exploration B | <input type="checkbox"/> Close Encounters C | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Birders B |
| Week of August 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Wild & Wacky Weather C | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Adaptations C | <input type="checkbox"/> Cool Experiments C |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Slimy Science C | <input type="checkbox"/> Mad Science C | <input type="checkbox"/> Survival Skills C |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Explorers C | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Biologists C* | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond Experience C |
| Week of August 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Field Explorers D | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Marsh Exploration C | <input type="checkbox"/> Curious Naturalists D |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Pond Adventures B | | |

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

Additional scheduling 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. If my availability changes before the application deadline, I will email an updated list of availability to krissyf@cshfishhatchery.org.

Naturalist-in-Training's Signature	Date	Parent/Guardian's Signature	Date
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