

Sea and Sage Audubon
Junior Naturalist Application Form 2017-18

Teen's Name _____ **Teen's Birth Date** _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **ZIP Code** _____

Phone Number _____ **Teen's e-mail Address** _____

Any Medical Conditions or Restrictions? _____

Parents' Names: _____

Best Phone for Parent: (____) _____

Alternate Phone: (____) _____

Parent E-mail address: _____

Requirements for participating in the Junior Naturalist program: Check that you agree to all of them.

___ I have joined and will maintain a current membership in **Audubon** (as an individual or family) during the entire year under the name of _____.

___ I have participated in Sea and Sage Audubon's Advanced Bird Camp **OR** completed Scout Bird Badge **OR** recommended by my Science Teacher (please attach teacher's recommendation.)

___ I am thirteen or older (by September 1st and/or enrolled in 8th grade or higher grades.)

___ I am personally interested in becoming a Junior Naturalist.

___ I will make every effort to attend as many Junior Naturalist events as possible this year.

___ I agree to check my email at least once a week for Junior Naturalist emails and respond promptly about whether I will or will not attend the month's activity.

Field Trip Participation: Most trips are scheduled from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM on Saturday or Sunday.

I am most able to attend on: ___ Saturday ___ Sunday ___ Either Day

Privacy. Please do not forward our Junior Naturalist e-newsletter to non-family members. Please do not post any photos of other Junior Naturalists on social media (Facebook, Twitter, websites, etc).

Liability Release Form: The teen's parent or guardian signs the form on the back of this sheet. →

Junior Naturalist Program 2017-18
LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

NOTE TO PARENTS:

Sea and Sage Audubon Society, Irvine, California, is a non-profit organization staffed largely by volunteers. Every reasonable effort will be made to ensure your child's safety while participating in the Junior Naturalist Program. However, there are inherent risks involved in participating in any outdoor activity. By signing the form below, you are acknowledging that the Sea and Sage Audubon Society, its staff and/or volunteers will not be held responsible for any accident or injury involving your child while participating in the Sea and Sage Audubon Society Junior Naturalist Program.

We must have the completed liability release form in order for your child to participate in any and all Junior Naturalist sponsored events. Thank you for your cooperation.

Program: **Teenage Junior Naturalist events 2017-18**

Program Dates: **Between August 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018**

Program Locations: **Various locations in southern California**

"I, the undersigned, hereby release and hold harmless Sea and Sage Audubon Society, and all others acting on its behalf, from any claim for damages of any kind, during or by reason of this activity, whether personal injury, death, or damage to, or loss or theft of, property caused by, or resulting from participating in this activity, even if caused by negligence of Sea and Sage Audubon Society, its staff or volunteers, or anyone else acting on its behalf."

For Parent/Guardian of Participants under 18: "I have reviewed and understand the conditions of this program and give my consent for my child to participate."

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Print Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Print Name of child participating in Junior Naturalists _____

PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE

"I hereby give permission to Sea and Sage Audubon Society to use any photographs taken of my child for program publicity purposes."

Signature of Parent-Guardian: _____

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**Birding Ethics and Behavior Standards for
Junior Naturalists**

Promote the welfare of birds and their environment:

Stay behind the group leader at all times

Stay on the trail

Be quiet on the trail

Do not disturb any wildlife, especially nesting birds or birds at feeding sites

Use bird call devices with extreme caution, and obey your adult leader's instructions and the regulations of the site you visit regarding their use

Respect the law and the rights of others:

Be courteous to others; especially be sensitive about noise on camping trips

Do not enter private property without the owner's express permission

Respect the skills and interests of your fellow naturalists

Freely share your knowledge and experience, especially with beginners

Be a good example to others in the group

"I agree to abide by the above ethical and behavioral standards."

Signature of Junior Naturalist

Date

Note to Parents

Parents are welcome at all Junior Naturalist events. Parents should also abide by the above standards. We politely ask that parents please remain at the back of the group on field trips and not disrupt the teen's experience with their peers.

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Short Essay: Why I Want to Be A Junior Naturalist

FOR NEW APPLICANTS ONLY!

DEADLINE is September 1st.

Please write a short essay about yourself that includes the following information (maximum 2 pages and typed in Pages or Word). Remember to put your name on it!

Paragraph #1

- 1) Where are you attending school and grade level?
- 2) What are your favorite subjects in school?
- 3) What extra-curricular activities are you involved in?

Paragraph #2

- 4) At what age did you begin birding? How and why did you get started?
- 5) Which Sea and Sage Audubon Summer Camps have you attended and for how many years?

Paragraph #3

- 6) Why do you want to become an Audubon Junior Naturalist?

Paragraph #4

- 7) In addition to birding and outside of school, do you have any other special interests, activities, or hobbies?

*NOTE: Please be aware that this essay (all or part) will be used in one of the Junior Naturalist monthly e-newsletters called "About Our Junior Naturalists".

Email this essay with a favorite photograph of yourself plus the rest of the Junior Naturalist application packet to the Junior Naturalist Coordinator Gail Richards at agrigh@me.com. Deadline is September 1.