

Sea and Sage Audubon  
**Junior Naturalist Application Form 2015-16**

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**Teen's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teen's Birth Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP Code** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 December 1<sup>st</sup>.)

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  
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.

"I agree to release and hold harmless the Sea and Sage Audubon Society, its staff and/or volunteers should accident and/or injury occur to my child while he or she is participating in the Sea and Sage Junior Naturalist Program."

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name of child participating in the Junior Naturalist Program

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sea and Sage Audubon Society**

**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."

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Signature of Junior Naturalist

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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.

## Sea and Sage Audubon Society

### Short Essay: Why I Want to Be A Junior Naturalist

DEADLINE is Saturday, August 15, 2015.

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

- 6a) If you are a new applicant: Why do you want to become an Audubon Junior Naturalist?
- 6b) If you were a Junior Naturalist last year: What did you like the most about being a Junior Naturalist? Which was your favorite field trip? What are you looking forward to the most this year?

#### Paragraph #4

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

#### Paragraph #5

- 8a) For 9-11th graders: Where would you like to go to college and what might you study there?
- 8b) For Seniors: Where are you applying to college, and in what major?

\*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 and the rest of the Junior Naturalist application packet to the Junior Naturalist Coordinator Gail Richards at [agrigh@me.com](mailto:agrigh@me.com).