



WELTY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

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Dear Parent:

We are honored that your child is interested in being a Junior Eco-Buddy Leader. As a Junior Leader, he/she will be a valuable assistant with Welty programs. Your child will be asked to assist in leading programs, help children with specific tasks, be role models for younger children, and more. The position of junior leader is one your child should be proud of and take seriously.

As a Junior Leader, your child will select which programs he/she would like to assist with. Program lengths vary from 6 hour/day long programs to short programs lasting only 2 hours. Once the program has been selected, your child will inform the Welty Center by email or phone. He/she will then be scheduled for that program and will be expected to attend. If your child is unable to attend, he/she should inform the Welty Center immediately. As a Junior Leader your child will not have to pay a fee to attend any programs. Instead he/she will be expected to assist with the programs. The responsibilities of a Junior Leader include prepping materials for activities, assisting with program participants, clean-up of program supplies, and more. Your child will be under the direct supervision of Welty staff. He/she will not be asked to supervise program participants on their own. Your child can volunteer for as many programs he/she wishes to.

Your child will benefit from being a Junior Leader in many ways. Your child was selected to be a Junior Leader, and he/she should be proud of that. Your child will learn responsibility while assisting with program activities and participants. He/she will enjoy being outdoors and learning about the natural world. At the same time he/she will be able to share his/her experiences with the younger participants. Most of all, your child will have fun in the outdoors!

Included with this letter is the Eco-Buddy Junior Leader application. Return the completed application to the Welty Center by email or postal mail. Welty staff will evaluate the application and notify you whether or not your child was accepted as a Junior Leader. If your child is accepted into the program, the next step is selecting which programs he/she would like to assist with. Before attending his/her first program your child will need to attend an orientation for the Junior Leader program.

Thank you for your interest in the Eco-Buddy Junior Leader program. The Welty Center is excited to extend this opportunity to your child, and we hope he/she will truly enjoy the experience. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Tanya Zastrow
WEC Center Director



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Junior Eco-Buddy Leader Agreement

Junior Eco-Buddy Leaders are a vital component of programs at the Welty Environmental Center. Youth selected to be a junior leader should be honored. In order to provide quality environmental education programs, junior leaders will be expected to meet a high standard of expectations. If the junior leader does not meet these expectations they will be asked to step down.

Expectations, Duties, and Benefits of Junior Eco-Buddy Leaders

- ◆ Junior leaders will select programs they choose to assist with.
- ◆ Junior leaders are expected to assist Welty staff with programs by helping program participants, setting up and taking down program supplies, and assisting with program instruction.
- ◆ Junior leaders are responsible for their own transportation to and from programs.
- ◆ Junior leaders must supply their own food and drinks for programs.
- ◆ Once programs have been selected and confirmed by Welty staff, junior leaders must attend those programs. If a junior leader cannot attend a program, they need to inform Welty staff immediately by calling the Welty Center at (608) 361-1377 or by email at info@weltycenter.org
- ◆ Junior leaders must be good role models for Eco-Buddy participants.
- ◆ Junior leaders will learn new responsibilities.
- ◆ Junior leaders will enjoy the outdoors while assisting with Welty programs.
- ◆ Junior leaders can share their own outdoor experiences with program participants.
- ◆ Junior leaders will learn new skills and teach participants new skills.
- ◆ Junior leaders will gain valuable experience working with program participants.

I, _____ (print name) have read the Junior Eco-Buddy Leader Agreement and agree to abide by the guidelines mentioned above. I understand if I do not meet the expectations set by the Welty Environmental Center I will be asked to step down as a junior leader.

Junior Eco-Buddy Leader: _____ Date: _____

Welty Center Director: _____ Date: _____



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Junior Eco-Buddy Leader Application Form

Applicant:

Date:

Parent:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Phone for Emergencies:

Email:

Date of Birth:

Current Age:

I am interested in assisting with the following program topics:

Fishing

Nature Crafts

Outdoor Skills

Girl's Camp

Prairies

Pond Studies

Reptiles/Amphibians

Insects

Birds

Other: _____

I _____ (child's name) understand that I am applying to be a **Junior Eco-Buddy Leader** whose responsibilities include assisting Welty staff and volunteers with program activities and participants. I pledge to be a good role model for Eco-Buddy program participants.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Parents, please read and sign below

The undersigned hereby releases the Welty Environmental Center and its employees, heirs, and assigns, from all liability as the result of any injury or damage that I/My Child/Ward may suffer as a result of participation in any program sponsored by the Welty Environmental Center.

Parent's Signature: _____

Yes No Photographs of my child may be taken and used for promotional purposes.



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Please provide contact information for 2 references, parents not accepted. For example, a reference can be a teacher, scout leader, pastor, or other adult.

Name:

Relationship:

Phone Number:

Email (optional):

Name:

Relationship:

Phone Number:

Email (optional):

Why I want to be an Eco-Buddy Junior Leader?