



Dear Junior Interpreter Applicant,

Are you a middle school student in grades 6-8? Do you love being outdoors? Are you interested in science, nature, and the environment? Do you enjoy teaching others? If so we invite you to apply to the Environmental Learning Center's Junior Interpreter program where you can take ecology, conservation and stewardship to the next level!

Junior Interpreter applicants are for those who are enthusiastic about learning how to teach and share with the general public about the environment. Junior Interpreter **responsibilities include:**

- Attend 8 sessions on the 2nd Saturday of each month, Nov 2019-May 2020 from 9am-12
- Learn about local plants, animals and the greater Florida ecosystems
- Develop creative ways to communicate facts and ideas to the public through storytelling, technology, designed experiences and art
- Lead public Educational Programs for children, peers and adults
- Participate in our annual Eco Fest celebration and other ELC events
- Take part in community clean-ups, interesting volunteer opportunities, and trips to local recreational areas in an effort to gain a greater awareness for the issues facing Florida
- Have the opportunity to serve as a camp counselor over the summer

Anyone interested in becoming a Junior Interpreter is required to fill out the attached application which includes four sections: Part A (Application), Part B (300 word essay), Part C (Questions), and Part D (Reference Form). **Completed applications are due by NOVEMBER 1, 2019.**

Accepted applicants will receive their acceptance letter by November 2nd. Please remember that Junior Interpreter applicants must be in middle school (grade 6-8th).

Once accepted into the program, payment to cover the program cost is due by the first meeting, Saturday, November 9th. Please be advised that payment can be made on our website at www.discoverelc.org. Scholarships through the Maggie Bowman Scholarship fund may be available and are based on financial need and availability.

Any applicant interested in becoming a Junior Interpreter must be available on the second Saturday of each month from **November 2019** thru **May 2020** and more than one unexcused absence may result in dismissal from the program. Program hours are usually from 9am to 12pm, but there are variations depending on planned monthly activities. This award-winning program has limited spots available, so apply soon!

Past Junior Interpreters, Environmental Ambassadors, and ELC Camp Counselors/Green Teens are all invited to fill out the application but, this alone, does not secure a spot for the 2019-2020 year.

Thanks for your interest in the program and the ELC looks forward to reviewing your application!

Sincerely,
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