

**Instructions:**

1. Complete the application below and submit it by **Friday, March 14th. Positions are open until filled, so apply early!**  
**Mail:** 3540 E University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32641 **or Email:** [EarthAcademy@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:EarthAcademy@cityofgainesville.org)  
 \*You should receive a verification email 2 business days after submitting.
2. Earth Academy staff will call you to conduct a brief phone interview. Don't be nervous! This helps us get to know you.
3. **If accepted into the program, you will need to attend a mandatory orientation session on **Saturday, June 7th from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.****
4. We will also email your Parent/Guardians a link to complete the registration information on Active.com. JNs who do not have completed registration info on file before their start date will not be allowed to participate in the program.

JN Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

First time JN?  No  Yes JN Email \_\_\_\_\_ JN Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone interviews will take place March 24th-28th from 9 a.m-4:30 p.m. You will be able to select the time for your phone interview via a link sent to the email you provide.**

Best Phone Number to call for your interview \_\_\_\_\_

Have you volunteered anywhere before?  No  Yes If Yes, where and what did you do?

What experience do you have working with children?

How many total sessions would you like to volunteer?

First-year JNs are eligible to assist with one session. If requested, returning JNs may be assigned more than one session, based on availability.

Rank the sessions below based on your preference for volunteering. **Use 1 for highest, 5 for lowest and X if cannot at all.**  
 Please note that full session availability is mandatory for participation in the program.

<b>Session I June 9-13</b>	1	2	3	4	5	X	
<b>Session II: June 16-20</b>	1	2	3	4	5	X	
<b>Session III: June 23-27</b>	1	2	3	4	5	X	
<b>Session IV: July 15-19</b>	1	2	3	4	5	X	
<b>Session V: July 22-26</b>	1	2	3	4	5	X	

If accepted into the Junior Naturalist Program I agree to follow the guidelines and perform expected duties. I understand that poor attitude; tardiness and failure to follow behavior guidelines will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from the program.

Youth Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I give my child permission to volunteer in the Junior Naturalist Program conducted by the Nature Operations Division of the City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Department, including activities and fieldtrips. I am fully aware of the risk inherent and hereby release the City of Gainesville, any of its elected or appointed officials or volunteers from any and all liability, claims, including attorney's fees and costs, and injuries which may be sustained by me or my minor children on account of his/her participation in said programs or associated activities and events. I understand that the JN program is a volunteer work program. If my child is not following rules, policies, and guidelines that will be explained during the orientation the child may be terminated from the position. I give my permission for my child to be photographed and acknowledge that those photographs may be used for publicity purposes for the City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Department's programs.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_