



Youth Naturalists of Broadlands Nature Center



For youth 8-18 (but we'll make exceptions) who love the outdoors and are ready for more adventures and a treasure hunt or two

Becoming a Youth Naturalist Adventurer means learning animal care, rehabilitation of injured or lost animals, getting your hands dirty planting gardens for bees and butterflies, and creating classes that **you can teach** here at the Nature Center. Things you love like emergency shelter building, stars and planets, and anything else that is outside. For more information and to follow our adventure blog go to: WanderSociety.org



7 Youth Naturalist Certification Points

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1. **Become a qualified volunteer** by training with us on the animal care regimen in the Broadlands Nature Center for Lulabonovoh the snake, Falcor the gecko, Wilma the toad, Winston, Thumper & Gadget the bunnies, the beloved doves, and the three turtles: Luke, Franklin, and Swimmy (Mondays are the day we offer group training, but we can arrange anytime that fits your schedule).
2. **Perform the animal care** 3 times or more if you love it or if there is an animal that you are uncomfortable with you do not have to participate in that animal's care. Alternately, if there is an animal that you are attached to you can become that animal's specialist.)
3. **Participate in a campout.** We offer campouts on the Nature Center lawn all summer long on Fridays. You can pitch your tent at 4pm, and our Nature Center tours begin at 6:30pm. You can also do a campout in your own backyard or at a campground or the Appalachian Trail.
4. **Learn something you love.** And learn enough about it to teach others. We will give you a giant file carton to fill with what you've learned. And if you like, you can teach this subject at a Nature Center event. Anything that has to do with the outside is fair game: toads, falcons, zip-lines, archery, wild edible weeds, fox poop. Whatever you're interested in.
5. **Certify your backyard as a wildlife habitat.** It might already qualify, and you don't even realize what great food you are giving the migrating flying things. If not, we'll help you identify what seeds you can plant to make it one. If you do not have access to a backyard you can help us build one of our butterfly waystations here at the Nature Center.
6. **Become a member of Sunny and the Rehabilitators.** This requires one two-hour class (or a similar amount of study online to learn how to respond when a wild animal becomes lost or injured. A Wildlife Rescue Center is coming to our Nature Center. Dates are to be determined. And there is no fee for enrolled Youth Naturalists! If you cannot make that time, talk to your Naturalist to identify similar ways to get the same knowledge
7. **Come on a finale adventure!** We have numerous adventures planned. Stay tuned for locations and dates!

Once certified you receive early sign-up opportunities for all of the Nature Center campouts and outdoor adventures. You are also able to conduct Nature Center tours and interact more with the animals here at the Nature Center. That means you can bring friends and family and share with them the animals that you are trained in the care of. You can also choose to be on our emergency call list when injured or lost animals are brought to the Nature Center. The cost for the Youth Naturalist program is \$65 per person.

When you are ready to begin your certification process just send an email to naturalist@BroadlandsHOA.com or you can have parent/guardian to sign the needful documents on our website at broadlandshoa.org/nature-activities



Animal Rehabilitation Certification Through

at the Nature Center

The certification is free if you are
enrolled in the Youth Naturalist
Adventurer Program!

Ages: 8-88 years old



We are inundated with injured and lost animals, particularly in the spring, that are brought to the Nature Center. Until now we have redirected you, the members of our community, to the Wildlife Rescue League, (703) 440-0800.

But the reality is that rehabilitation centers throughout Virginia are overwhelmed with birds with broken wings, turtles that have wandered from their water source, and run-over but still fighting for life raccoons, foxes, and baby deer.

We are creating a league of experts for our community in animal rehabilitation response. You will be the first responders when an animal is lost or injured in our community. The Blue Ridge Wildlife Center is coming at the end of this month to provide the training for this work.

They will provide the emergency response training for animals in need. They will give us the checklists of whether the animal should be returned to the wild, taken to a care provider, or cared for locally.

Many of you contact us with care for the animals in our community. This is your chance to learn the skills needed to be a first responder, and to make our community more friendly to all the things that fly, swim, and creep upon the earth.





Broadlands Nature Center Programs

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- All programs will be held at the Broadlands Nature Center, unless otherwise specified in the program documentation.
- To apply for the Youth Naturalist Program, please fill out the Registration and Waiver forms and submit to the Naturalist at the Broadlands HOA office in the Nature Center. Payment Options: Online at broadlandshoa.org/nature-activities OR in person by check, cash or credit.
- Confirmation of your registration will be emailed approximately two weeks before the scheduled program.
- **Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations must be made at least six (6) working days before the beginning of the program. No refunds will be given if participant cancels less than six (6) days prior to the event. If a program is cancelled by the Broadlands Nature Center you will receive a full refund.

I have read the terms of the Nature Program Registration and have signed the Waiver Release Form:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Program Name: <i>Youth Naturalist</i>	Date :
Cost of Program: <i>\$65.00</i>	Comments:

Family Information			
Family Name:			
Address:		Phone:	
Email:			
May we add you to our email list?	Yes	No	Broadlands Resident? Yes No

Participant Information			
First Name	Last Name	Birthdate (Youth Only)	Medical Conditions or Allergies?

Emergency Contact Information			
First Name	Last Name	Phone #	Relationship to Participant

** Please attach any additional information needed to further describe medical conditions and/or allergies we should be aware of in case of an emergency.

OFFICE USE:	
Payment type: Cash / Check / Credit	Payment Amount:
Special Notes:	Date Received:
Confirmation Email Sent:	Added to Email List:



WAIVER RELEASE FOR NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS

****Please complete a separate copy of this page for each participant****

Statement of Wellness and Permission to Administer Emergency Treatment

I, _____, do hereby verify that I/ my child, _____, to the best of my knowledge is free from contagious disease, is fully immunized, and is able to participate fully in nature programming provided by the Broadlands HOA Naturalist. I understand that programs may involve certain active outdoor activities and field trips off the property. While the BHOA tries to make programs as safe as possible I understand that there may be risks and dangers involved in any activity. In case of a medical emergency, and in the event that the parent/ guardian cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission for emergency treatment to be administered to my child. I waive and release the Broadlands HOA and their employees from all liability for any personal injuries, illness, loss, or damage to property. I agree to assume liability for any expenses incurred in such an emergency (transportation, hospitalization, x-rays, etc.).

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Photo/ Web Gallery Release:

The BHOA reserve the right to use photos and film of participants for informational and promotional purposes. We will not identify you or your child by name. If you don't want you or your child to appear in any BHOA publication or ad, please send your request in writing to naturalist@broadlandshoa.com.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Code of Conduct (To Be Completed by Participant AND Parent/Guardian)

Every guest deserves to enjoy the Nature Center programs. Program participants are expected to:

- Be respectful of other volunteers, staff and guests.
- Follow safety rules and instructions

If any participant(s) behave in a manner which is deemed emotionally, and/or physically harmful to the animals, guests, staff or volunteers at the Nature Center, he or she will be suspended from the program and will not be entitled to a refund of program fees.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____