

Brooker Creek Preserve & UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County Present the:  
**2017 Bright Futures Ranger Naturalist Program  
Volunteer Application & Commitment Form**

**June 26-30, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Brooker Creek Preserve Auditorium  
3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs 34688**

The Ranger Naturalist Program at Brooker Creek Preserve in Tarpon Springs, Florida provides a service learning opportunity for high school students, ages 15-18. The goal of this program is to build leadership skills and environmental awareness with an emphasis on workplace preparedness. Volunteer hours logged during this program can be applied to Bright Futures College Scholarship Applications. Participants will be registered as Pinellas County Volunteers, opening further volunteer opportunities in the County.

**► Ranger Naturalist Program Overview for interested parents and students will take place on May 16, 2017, 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Brooker Creek Preserve.**

A \$20, non-refundable reservation fee will be collected from successful applicants. The fee will cover program materials and T-shirt. This fee will be due on or before June 26.

**Note: This is an application. This is not a guarantee of acceptance. Applications will be reviewed and positions will be granted per qualifications and availability based on the questions below. This program is limited to 20 participants.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IN PERSON, BY MAIL OR AS AN EMAIL ATTACHMENT ON  
OR BEFORE JUNE 9 TO JAMES STEVENSON  
JSTEVENSON@PINELLASCOUNTY.ORG**

Please write or **circle** your answer to the following questions:

1. What school do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What grade are you entering, Fall 2017? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is your age on June 26, 2017 (must be 15 or older)? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Are you available to commit to the program the entire week of June 26-30, 2017 10:00am-3:30pm?  
Yes No

5. Are you interested in continuing to volunteer as an Environmental Interpreter at Brooker Creek Preserve after this program ends? Yes No

6. Will you have reliable transportation to and from Brooker Creek for the entire week?  
Yes No

7. Do you prefer to work:

a. Indoors

b. Outdoors (**Note: this program includes daily outdoor activities. Close-toed shoes must be worn each day**)

c. A combination of indoors and outdoors

8. Do you prefer to work:

a. Independently

b. With others as part of a team

c. Like (a) and (b) equally

9. What areas interest you the most (you can circle more than one)?

a. Wildlife

b. Botany

c. Ecosystem Ecology

d. Watershed Conservation

e. Environmental Science

10. Please indicate any dates you will be out of town or unavailable to participate during the week of June 26-30, 2017.

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11. Interests and Learning Objectives. Please describe what skills, knowledge, or experience you would like to gain from interning or volunteering at Brooker Creek: Ranger Naturalist Volunteer Program.

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12. Experience and Skills. Please describe any past experience or skills you could and would be excited to bring to the Ranger Naturalist Volunteer Program.

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## Commitment Statement

I \_\_\_\_\_ commit to the Ranger Naturalist Volunteer Program starting **June 26, 2017**. I understand that I am volunteering my services to the Ranger Naturalist Volunteer Program solely for my personal purposes or benefit without promise or expectations of compensation or benefits. I understand and agree that in the performance of my duties as a Ranger Naturalist Volunteer, I must abide by all policies and procedures. I understand that failure to comply with these requirements may result in my dismissal as a volunteer.

## Parent or Guardian Acknowledgements

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the **Brooker Creek: Ranger Naturalist Volunteer Program**. I understand they are volunteering their services to Brooker Creek: Ranger Naturalist Volunteer Program solely for their own personal purposes or benefit without promise or expectation of compensation or benefits. I understand and agree that they may be dismissed for failure to abide by the policies and procedures. I hereby irrevocably consent to, and authorize, the use and reproduction of any and all videotaped and photographic recordings taken of me and /or my child/children, my property (i.e., music, art, photography, home, vehicle, etc.) for use in not-for-profit public education television productions and print media by the Pinellas County Government. I understand that this will be done without compensation to me and all recordings or images shall become the property of the Pinellas County Government.

## Signatures

*I, as a Volunteer Intern, agree to the above commitment.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*I, the Parent / Guardian of the Volunteer Intern, agree to oversee the volunteer to complete the above commitment.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*I, the Program Director, agree to work with the volunteer to complete the above commitment and to attain the stated learning objectives.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return both completed applications by MAIL or EMAIL by **Friday, June 9, 2017**, to the address below. You will be notified of acceptance by **Friday, June 16, 2017**.

### James Stevenson

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