

Friends of Nature Parks, Inc. Earth Academy Day Camp Summer 2022

Scholarship Application Instructions

The Friends of Nature Parks (FNP) is proud to support Earth Academy Day Camp programs by offering scholarships that cover up to 75% of registration fees to successful applicants.

- Scholarships are based on eligibility and availability. They must be applied for in advance.
- Registration for all camp sessions is first come first serve and scholarship recipients are not guaranteed a spot in any camp session.
- The City of Gainesville does not administer scholarship monies nor take responsibility for the selection of scholarship recipients. Friends of Nature Parks provides scholarship funds and selects recipients based on their own criteria.

Summer 2022 Earth Academy Day Camp Registration opens 9am on April 4th.

We recommend applying for a scholarship before 5pm on May 30th
so your application can be considered prior to registration.

To apply, register and participate:

1) Submit a complete application including:

- Application form
- A letter from your child describing why he or she would like to attend Earth Academy
- Verification of free or reduced lunch eligibility. You can request proof of free or reduced lunch through your child's school by calling the SBAC's Food Service Office at 352-955-7539, extension 1569. Ask that the letter be emailed to you and earthacademy@cityofgainesville.org
- And any additional information (pay stubs, etc) that you feel may be helpful in the evaluation of this application.

Applications should be submitted to Morningside Nature Center by:

Mail: 3540 East University Ave Gainesville, FL 32641

Email: EarthAcademy@cityofgainesville.org

Fax: 352-334-2248

Or Drop off at Morningside Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

- 2) Await notification. Earth Academy staff will notify you of the status of your scholarship after it has been reviewed by FNP. Scholarship recipients will be emailed registration instructions including a coupon code to enter during the registration process.
- 3) Register for camp starting at 9am, April 4th online or in person at Thomas Center B, 3rd floor. Use your coupon to receive the awarded discount. The remaining fees are due upon registration. If camp is filled, you can sign up for our waiting list. Under registered sessions may be canceled with a full refund of your out of your payment; the sponsored portion of fees will not be refunded to you.
- 4) Attend camp sessions you registered for and have a great time!

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- 5) Thank the Friends! If your camper is awarded scholarship funds, Friends of Nature Parks asks that your child write a brief thank you note that tells about their camp experience. Failure to provide this follow up may affect chances of receiving future funding.

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade/Age: _____

Parent (s)/Guardian: _____

Email Address: _____

(This address will be used for all camp communications including and as your registration username)

Street _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relation _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Number of household members? _____ Number of dependent children? _____

Is your child eligible for free or reduced lunch at school? _____

Please provide proof of eligibility with your application.

How many one-week camp sessions are you requesting scholarship support for? _____

Please note scholarships are based on availability and eligibility. The Friends may not be able to provide support for all sessions you request.

Please describe any circumstances that are relevant to or may be helpful in the evaluation of this application.

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