



### What is the Science Explorers in Nature program?

Science Explorers in Nature is a free summer science enrichment program designed for Lake County youth from underserved communities who are currently in grades 6–8. Students spend one month exploring the natural world and learning about potential careers in the sciences.

Students from selected schools may enroll in the four-week session that takes place at [Greenbelt Cultural Center](#) in North Chicago Monday–Friday, 9 am–3 pm. A school bus route with stops at participating schools provides transportation starting as early as 7:30 am to bring students to the Center by 9 am. Students are provided with all materials they need to participate, including free snacks and lunch every day of the program.

### What do students do?

- Explore outside taking part in hands-on science activities
- Discover local forest preserves to learn about natural areas including prairies, woods, and wetlands
- Talk to a variety of scientists and field experts
- Conduct their own scientific research project and prepare a presentation for the parent open house

### Who can participate?

Eligible students currently in grades 6–8 in a Lake County school. Priority is given to students from select schools and to returning students. Students and parents must commit to **all four weeks** of the program and agree to provide their own transportation to one of our designated middle school bus stops in Zion, Beach Park, North Chicago, Waukegan, Round Lake, Diamond Lake/Mundelein, Fox Lake or Ingleside, or to the [Greenbelt Cultural Center](#). There is no supervision at these school bus stops.

### How do students apply?

To apply to Science Explorers in Nature you must submit:

1. Completed application/agreement form signed by the student and parent or guardian.
2. Completed student questionnaire form, filled out by the student.
3. Completed recommendation form, preferably from a science teacher or community leader (pastor, youth group leader, etc.) who knows you well and is not related to you. *More information or a digital copy of this form can be found at <https://www.lcfdp.org/science-explorers/>*
4. Provide a copy of the student's most recent report card.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED BY **FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019.**** Submit all application components

to: Lake County Forest Preserves  
SEN Forms  
1899 W. Winchester Road  
Libertyville, IL 60048

**Or email to:** [avaos@LCFPD.org](mailto:avaos@LCFPD.org)

### What if I have questions?

Feel free to check out more about this program, including pictures at <https://www.lcfdp.org/science-explorers/> or contact April Vaos at 847-968-3368 or [avaos@LCFPD.org](mailto:avaos@LCFPD.org)



# Program Application Form

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Student Name

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Address

City & State

Zip Code

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Date of Birth

Current Grade

Gender

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School

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Mother/Guardian Name

Daytime Phone

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Father/Guardian Name

Daytime Phone

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Parent E-mail Address

Parent E-mail Address

Please mark your child's T-shirt size so that we may order the right size:

Adult Size:

Small

Medium

Large

X-Large

**Please check your preferred summer bus stop at middle schools from eligible Lake County school districts\*:**

Beach Park Middle School, Beach Park

Robert Abbott Middle School, Waukegan

Daniel Webster Middle School, Waukegan Gavin South

Round lake Middle School, Round Lake Heights

Junior High School, Ingleside

Stanton School, Fox Lake

Jack Benny Middle School, Waukegan

Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Waukegan West

John T. Magee Middle School, Round Lake Miguel

Oak Middle School, Diamond Lake, Mundelein Zion

Juarez Middle School, Waukegan

Central Middle School, Zion

Neal Math & Science Academy, North Chicago

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Schools are not responsible for supervision or coordination at the bus stops.

\*If you live outside of these districts you may still apply to the program but must provide your own transportation each day to and from one of the above bus stops or to and from the Greenbelt Cultural Center, 1215 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL 60064. Bus stops will not be supervised. The bus schedule will be determined prior to the program start date and handed out at the Parent Orientation.





## Student Agreement Form

I understand that I am applying for the Science Explorers in Nature program offered at the Greenbelt Cultural Center in North Chicago. If I am chosen to participate in this program **I agree to attend every day of all four weeks of the program and participate in all program activities.** I am committed to contributing to the four-week program and will work with my fellow students in a cooperative manner to make sure it is a positive experience for all. I will follow all the rules and regulations of the Lake County Forest Preserves, as indicated to me by their staff.

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Print Your Name (student)

Date

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Signature (student)

### Parent/Guardian Agreement:

I give my child permission to apply for, and if chosen, to accept, a place in the Science Explorers in Nature program at the Greenbelt Cultural Center. I understand that my child is expected to attend the program every day for the entire four weeks. I understand that the bus will pick my child up at no cost on Monday through Friday, June 17 - July 12, 2019 (no class July 4) at the school selected if we live in Zion, Beach Park, North Chicago, Waukegan, Round Lake area, Diamond Lake/Mundelein, Fox Lake, or Ingleside. We will let you know the bus arrival times at the Parent Orientation.

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Print Name (parent/guardian)

Date

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Signature (parent/guardian)





4. Do you like being outside and spending time in nature (with plants and insects, etc.)? Why?

5. Why do you want to attend the Science Explorers in Nature program?

6. What do you think you will get out of the Science Explorers in Nature program?



**Science Explorers in Nature Program  
Recommendation Form  
Summer 2019**

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Dear Recommender:

Thank you for taking the time to help us assess applicants for the summer 2019 Science Explorers in Nature Program.

Science Explorers in Nature is a free summer science enrichment program designed for Lake County youth currently in grades 6–8. Students spend one month learning about potential careers in the sciences, exploring outside and taking part in hands-on science activities, and learning how to conduct their own scientific research and prepare a presentation.

More information or a digital copy of this form can be found at <https://www.lcfd.org/science-explorers/>

**Please answer the questions on both sides of this form; add additional pages if needed.**

Place the completed recommendation in a sealed envelope and return it to the applicant for inclusion with her/his application materials or email to April Vaos at [avaos@lcfd.org](mailto:avaos@lcfd.org).

Please be as honest as possible to help us find students who will contribute to the program as well as benefit from it. If you have any questions, feel free to contact April Vaos, [avaos@lcfd.org](mailto:avaos@lcfd.org).

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**Student Name**

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**Recommender's Name**

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**Affiliation (School / Organization)**

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**Cell Phone**

**Email**

How do you know this student?

In order to receive full benefits from the Science Explorers in Nature Program, students must be present, attentive, and able to work with other students and teachers. Please indicate how this student compares to other you have known in the areas listed below.

**Please mark the appropriate number regarding the following skills.**

	POOR				EXCELLENT
<b>Ability to focus:</b>	1	2	3	4	5

**Comments:**

<b>Respect for others:</b>	1	2	3	4	5
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**Comments:**

<b>Ability to work in a team:</b>	1	2	3	4	5
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**Comments:**

Our program includes students from diverse backgrounds. How does this student handle meeting new people and dealing with challenges?

How do you think this student would benefit from participating in the Science Explorers in Nature Program?

Please provide any other information that would help in our assessment of this student: