

Friends of Nature Parks, Inc. Earth Academy Day Camp Summer 2024 Scholarship Application Instructions

This scholarship was established to honor the life and spirit of Hoyt Cotter. Hoyt spent years as a lively and humorous Earth Academy Day Camp camper exploring Morningside and learning about the natural area around us. He became a volunteer Junior Naturalist to help younger kids get the most out of their camp experience. This scholarship continues Hoyt's mission of connecting the next generation of campers to the world we share.

The Friends of Nature Parks (FNP) is proud to support Earth Academy Day Camp programs by offering scholarships that cover 100% 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 2024 Earth Academy Day Camp Registration opens 9am on March 1st.
We are accepting applications until May 20th or until all scholarship spots are filled.
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 they would like to attend Earth Academy
- **For educators, counselors, or mentors:** Please provide a brief description of why you recommend this child to be a camper at Earth Academy Day Camp along with your name and contact information for further questions.
- 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

Applications should be submitted to Morningside Nature Center by:

-Email: EarthAcademy@cityofgainesville.org

-Mail: 3540 East University Ave Gainesville, FL 32641

-Drop-off and Pick-up at Morningside Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

- 2) Await notification. If you mailed your application, please email or call (352-393-8240) and let us know to await your application. Earth Academy staff will notify you of the status of your scholarship after it has been reviewed by FONP. If you are Scholarship recipients will be emailed registration instructions including a coupon code to enter during the registration process.
- 3) Register for camp starting 9am, March 1st online or in person at Thomas Center B, 3rd floor. Use your coupon to receive the awarded discount.
- 4) Attend camp sessions you registered for and have a great time!

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Scholarship Application Form
Application due February 23rd by 5pm

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade/Age: _____

Parent (s)/Guardian: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

Street _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Secondary Contact Name: _____ Relation _____

Secondary 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 rank which sessions you are interested in attending below.

Use 1 for highest, 5 for lowest, and X if you cannot attend at all.

Session I: Creatures of the Forest (June 3-7)	1	2	3	4	5	X
Session II: Sensational Nature (June 10-14)	1	2	3	4	5	X
Session III: How it Works (June 17-21)	1	2	3	4	5	X
Session IV: How it Works (July 15-19)	1	2	3	4	5	X
Session V: Sensational Nature (July 22-26)	1	2	3	4	5	X

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

For educators, counselors, or mentors: Please provide a brief description of why you recommend this child to be a camper at Earth Academy Day Camp. Please also provide your name and the best way to contact you (email, phone) for further questions.

The Friends of Nature Parks, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, will make scholarships available as long as funds last. A copy of the official registration (#CH10865) and financial information may be obtained from the division of consumers services by calling toll-free (800-435-7352) within the state. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the state.