

Cibolo Center for Conservation– Teen Volunteer
Ages 13-17
9am-12:00pm Every other Saturday

Summary:

The Cibolo is seeking energetic and passionate teenage volunteers for our Trailblazers volunteer program, at the region's most treasured Center for Conservation. Trailblazers looks to engage participants in three main types of activity: citizen science volunteer efforts, general volunteer efforts, and fun team building activities. Cibolo Center for Conservation's volunteer program takes place in Boerne, TX on our two campuses, the Cibolo Nature Center a Herff Farm—160 acres and many ecosystems filled with majestic beauty. This is a volunteer position that provides on-the-job training. All volunteer hours can be applied to service-learning requirements for school, scouts or other organizations.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Attend training in guest interaction, interpretation training, and conservation.
- Help lead nature-related educational programs designed to engage guests
- Responsibly handle living and nonliving educational aids per your comfortability.
- Work hard on service projects designed to help the Cibolo's mission to promote land stewardship
- Participate in Citizen Science projects designed to monitor and inform decisions regarding the wellbeing of the unique ecosystems at the Cibolo
- Show up to work with a positive attitude
- Show kindness, empathy, and respect to fellow volunteers
- Maintain and monitor your own physical wellbeing and notify the program director if there is a health problem or concern regarding yourself or anyone else
- Participate enthusiastically on volunteer days
- Maintain an appropriate public profile that supports and promotes volunteer participation, the Cibolo Center for Conservation and its mission.
- Perform other duties as requested by Cibolo Volunteer Management Staff
- Exhibit leadership, high energy and the spirit of the Center for all volunteers and visitors
- Be present and on time during volunteer hours
- Always be willing to ask questions and learn how to be part of a dynamic team

Qualifications:

- You must be ages 13-17 years old
- Enjoy interacting with fellow volunteers, staff, and visitors to the Cibolo
- Have a general love and appreciation of nature.
- Have a willingness to work as a team, follow directions and learn as you go
- Reliable transportation is required

- Dedication to volunteer at least 1 Saturday mornings a month
- Ability to volunteer at mandatory training and volunteer sessions

Benefits

- Join a new community to support your introduction into and development in nature conservation
- Participate in and learn about intentional land stewardship methods
- Connect with professionals in conservation fields
- Learn public speaking skills
- Hours for volunteer requirements
- Make lasting friendships
- Have lots of fun in a space that treasures you for your rare talents



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**Cibolo Center for Conservation Teen Volunteer Application
Trailblazers Teen Program
Ages 13 to 17
Application days for Fall End Sept 12th at 5PM.**

Name:
Your Email:
Parent or Guardian's Email:
Home Phone:
Your Cell Phone:
Street Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Age:
Birthday:
Grade entering in the fall 2022:
School you will attend in the fall:
T-shirt size:

Essay Questions

(3 Sentences minimum is recommended but not required, however, no answer is an automatic rejection of your application. An essay may be written in the space provided below or stapled to the back of the application.)

How would you promote mutual respect and acceptance of everyone when working with fellow volunteers?

Describe a time in your life where you had to be responsible.

Why is conserving nature important to you?

References – Please submit two non-family references to be considered.

First Reference Contact Information

Reference Name:

Reference Email:

Reference Phone:

Relationship to Reference: (example: teacher, coach.)

Second Reference Contact Information

Reference Name:

Reference Email:

Reference Phone:

Relationship to Reference: (example: teacher, coach.)

Attendance: Volunteers are expected to be an active part of the trailblazers team. All volunteers are expected to attend the starred dates, and then at least one of the other planned volunteer days a month. The Halloween and Christmas party do not count as one of the monthly volunteer days, but Trailblazers are still encouraged to attend. If Trailblazers cannot make one of the dates for a select month, exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Trailblazers coordinator. Volunteers will be expected to sign up for volunteer opportunities ahead of time and cancel at least 48 hours ahead of time if they cannot attend the volunteer day. If this is not possible due to illness, family emergency, etc.... volunteers are expected to contact the Nature Education Coordinator as soon as they know that they cannot attend.

Schedule:

September 12: Application Due

September 17: Mandatory Training*

Oct 1: Gala*

Oct 15: Citizen Science Workday

Oct 22: Land Stewardship Service

Oct 29: Halloween Celebration

Nov 5: Trail Clean Up/ED

Nov 12: Land Stewardship Service Day

Nov 19: Citizen Science Day

Dec 3: TBD

Dec 10: Winter Holiday Party