



# Teens

## Teen Volunteers Needed

### 2010 Butterfly Pavilion Zoo Assistant Program (ZAP)

Do you love insects, spiders or plants? Do you enjoy learning new things? Would you enjoy sharing your knowledge with others? For the summer of 2010, the Butterfly Pavilion is seeking interested teens to assist with Pavilion happenings. Teens must be willing to learn about our invertebrates or plants, and to interact in a fun and outgoing way with visiting children and adults. All necessary training will be provided.

#### Possible positions include:

- **Summer Camp Assistant** – Help with a week or more of our children's summer camp including assisting with bug catching, crafts, games and other activities with our campers. Teen must be available for at least 1 full week from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. We offer 8 camps throughout the summer.
- **Discovery Garden Assistant** – Help us care for our discovery gardens by planting, weeding, watering and deadheading side-by-side with our horticultural staff. Opportunity includes helping with our native bug survey to discover what bugs are using our plants in the garden! Commitment would be at least once a week in the morning for 2 hours.
- **Butterfly Specialist** – Discover & share our world of tropical butterflies with our visitors, answer questions, collect butterfly eggs and much more. Volunteer must be willing to learn about tropical butterflies and share your knowledge in an informal way with our visitors. Commitment would be at least 1-2 times/week for 2 hours.
- **Tide Pool Specialist** – Share your love of the ocean & its tide pool inhabitants with our visiting adults & children. Learn about and work with our fascinating sea creatures from sea stars to horseshoe crabs. Commitment would be at least 1-2 times/week for 2 hours.

#### Zap Requirements:

- **Age:** 13-15 (if you are 16 or older, please apply to our adult volunteer program).
- **Commitment:** at least 50 total summer hours by September 1, with a regular weekly schedule.
- **Interests:** Your interests should include butterflies & other insects, spiders, ocean invertebrates or plants. You should also be willing to learn about invertebrates and plants, and share your knowledge with others. A teen can participate in one or several positions, depending on their interests, abilities and availability.
- **Application & Interview:** Complete application is due by May 1, 2010. Interviews will be scheduled during the month of May. Please note, all applicants will be evaluated and the most qualified candidates will be chosen, limited to 15 teens.
- **Training:** Required ZAP teen training is two days, Tuesday June 8 & Thursday June 10, from 2-5 p.m. One-on-one shadowing with staff and volunteers will add practical experience to your training.

**If you are interested**, please complete and return the following teen volunteer application by May 1st. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (720) 974-1868 or [volunteering@butterflies.org](mailto:volunteering@butterflies.org) with questions or for more information.



## ZAP Teen Volunteer Application

Butterfly Pavilion c/o Kris Pohl, Volunteer Coordinator  
 6252 West 104<sup>th</sup> Ave.                      **phone:** (720) 974-1868  
 Westminster, CO 80020                    **e-mail:** volunteering@butterflies.org



### Important Dates:

- **Complete application submitted:** Monday, May 3, 2010.
- **Interview** required with parent & scheduled during the month of May.
- **Required introductory training:** Tuesday June 8 & Thursday June 10 from 2 - 5 pm.
- **Save the date:** Volunteer & Staff End-of-the-Summer Picnic, August 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Date:	Home Phone:	<b>Skills</b> you would like to share as a volunteer (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Good with children <input type="checkbox"/> Outgoing & enthusiastic <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys learning new things <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy sharing information <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching experience <input type="checkbox"/> Entomological experience <input type="checkbox"/> Writing, esp. nature orientated <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling or reading aloud <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening <input type="checkbox"/> Research experience <input type="checkbox"/> Computer skills <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish speaking
Applicant's Name:	Other Phone (please specify):	
Address:	Parent's Names:	
City, State, Zip:	E-mail Address:	
Current School Name:	Birth date:	
T-Shirt Size (circle one): Adult Unisex S-M-L-XL or other _____	If employed, place of employment:	

### Areas of Interest

We have a variety of volunteer opportunities available. Please check all areas that interest you. You can assist with one or all during your time here at the Butterfly Pavilion. We ask for at least 50 hours.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Summer Camp Assistant** – Help with either our mini-camps or our full week camps! Assist with bug catching, crafts, games and other activities with our campers (camp children are ages 6-12). Mini-camps are 1-3 hours long. For full week camps, teen must be available for at least one week from Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. We offer 8 full week camps through the summer and over 15 mini-camps. Teens typically help with 1 or more camps.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Discovery Garden Assistant** – Help us care for our discovery gardens by planting, weeding, watering and deadheading side-by-side with our horticultural staff. Opportunity includes helping with our native bug survey to discover what bugs are using our plants in the garden! Commitment would be once a week for a 2-hour shift, from 9-11am.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Butterfly Specialist** – Discover & share our world of tropical butterflies with our visitors, answer questions, collect butterfly eggs and much more. Must be willing to learn about tropical butterflies and share your knowledge in an informal way with our visitors. We recommend 1-2 times per week for 2 hours (9-11am, 11-1pm, 1-3pm or 3-5pm).

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## Summer Volunteer Availability

Please let us know the days of the week you will be available, and the approximate time of day that would work best for you. The Butterfly Pavilion is open during the summer from 9 AM - 5 PM every day of the week. We ask that you set up a regular schedule for the summer (see above positions for more detailed information about when we need volunteers).

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
What days and times are you <b>available</b> ?							
How many <b>days</b> would you like to volunteer per week?				How many <b>hours per day</b> would you like to volunteer?			
When will you be away on <b>vacation</b> ?							
When do you return to <b>school</b> ?							

Are you available for the Training on **Tuesday June 8 and Thursday June 10 from 2-5 PM? YES or NO**  
 Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## General Information

Please answer the following questions in short and expand on some of the answers in your essay (see below required attachments).

1.) Why do you want to volunteer at the Butterfly Pavilion?

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2.) What knowledge or experience do you have regarding invertebrates (insects, spiders, etc)?

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3.) What is your experience interacting & sharing your knowledge with both children & adults?

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4.) Do you have any special skills or experiences that would help you during your time at the Pavilion?

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5.) Is there any situation that would make you uncomfortable (e.g., fear of spiders, talking to adults, etc.)?

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## Required Attachments to complete your application:

- 1.) Complete Volunteer Emergency Card.
- 2.) Please include two written letters of reference from people who know you well (no family references please).
- 3.) Attach a typed 300-word essay addressing the phrase "I would be an excellent teen volunteer, because...."



# Volunteer Emergency Card



In order to be of service to you in case of accident or sudden illness when you are unable to give directions, it is necessary that you indicate in the spaces below your individual preference.

Volunteer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Call \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Relationship Phone or cell phone

( ) Call \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Relationship Phone or cell phone

( ) Call Physician \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Phone or cell phone

Individual Health Needs \_\_\_\_\_  
(Medication, allergies, etc.)

It is understood that a conscientious effort will be made to locate the emergency contacts listed, before any action is taken. However, in the event of an emergency, I hereby give my permission for 911 to be contacted and for the physician, hospital or medial service selected to hospitalize, and secure proper treatment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature Date