



What is a Nature Play Director?

A Wesselman Woods Nature Play Director (NPD) is an environmental champion between the ages of 6 and 12 who contributes their ideas to the Environmental Education Department at Wesselman Woods. There will be three NPDs each year. They will collaborate with the Director of Environmental Education to develop educational programs and plans for the Welborn Baptist Foundation Nature Playscape, steering Wesselman Woods towards a future that is both fun and sustainable.

By becoming a NPD, they will have the opportunity to develop leadership skills, teamwork, and knowledge of non-profit management. Ultimately, they will become advocates for ecopreneurship and environmental stewardship amongst their peers. NPDs will be asked to attend WW events and select programs. They will serve our community as the face of the Welborn Baptist Foundation Nature Playscape from Summer 2024 until Summer 2025. They will also meet seasonally with the Director of Environmental Education.

What is to be expected from a Nature Play Director?

- NPDs will be asked to attend WW events and select programs. Tentative dates:
 - Maple Sugarbush Festival – Early March
 - Earth Day – Late April
- NPDs will meet seasonally with the Director of Environmental Education: August, November, January, April, May

What benefits does a Nature Play Director receive during their tenure?

- Official Wesselman Woods name tag
- Wesselman Woods welcome bag
- 15% discount on children's programs and camps
- One-year family membership
- Free admission to community events (Maple Sugarbush Festival, Earth Day, etc.)

During their tenure as Nature Play Director, they will:

- Develop business acumen, communication, and leadership skills
- Have the chance to express their opinions and creativity
- Guide the future of Wesselman Woods educational programs

Why have Nature Play Directors?

“Adulthood makes our minds confined to societal norms and pressures, while children do not conform to any such ideas. They have the most creative way of looking at things and are naturally out-of-the-box thinkers because of their unique perspectives... Children's minds are very fascinating, they get the greatest ideas ever and it is through effective communication that these ideas are able to plan a course of action in order to become fruitful.”

(Source: <https://sherwoodhigh.com/blogs/importance-of-listening-to-your-child/>)

NATURE PLAY DIRECTOR

AT WESSELMAN WOODS

Please allow your child to fill out this portion of the application.

Parent/Guardian information will be filled out on the next page.

YOUR NAME	
YOUR BIRTHDAY	
FAVORITE COLOR	
WHAT ARE YOUR STRENGTHS?	1.
	2.
	3.
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOREST ANIMAL?	
Provide three reasons why you would be a good Nature Play Director.	
1.	
2.	
3.	
What do you love about nature and Wesselman Woods?	
Please draw a picture of your favorite nature scene.	

Parent/Guardian Contact Information	
GUARDIAN'S NAME	
HOME ADDRESS	
GUARDIAN'S EMAIL	
GUARDIAN'S PHONE NUMBER	
GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE	
CHILD'S SIGNATURE	

DEADLINE FOR 2024 CYCLE is MAY 3, 2024

Submit the application via email to payton@wesselmanwoods.org or mail to:
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