

Wake Audubon Young Naturalist Program Fact Sheet 2009

The Wake Audubon Young Naturalist program is for students ages 12-18 who have a strong interest in the natural sciences. Wake Audubon has set this program up for such students so that they can further develop their knowledge and interests by exploring our natural world on field trips.

Wake Audubon will work hard to make sure that the activities the Young Naturalist participates in are safe, but there are some risks with these activities. Following is a list of primary dangers involved in different aspects of the program. The risk that these dangers pose is minimal if the student exercises caution in field locations, follows the directives of the staff and wears appropriate clothing and footwear.

Field Trips

Field trips are closely supervised by staff and appropriate guidance is given specific for each field location to ensure the safety of the students and staff. Primary dangers include travel in a vehicle, falling on rough or slippery terrain, getting wet, being scratched by thorns, contact with poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac, twisting an ankle, breaking a bone, insect and tick bites or stings, venomous snake bites, hypothermia, hyperthermia, drowning, frostbite and sunburn. The likelihood of these things happening is not great if caution is taken in the outdoor environment, instructions from staff are followed and appropriate clothing/footwear is worn. Fact sheets will be sent detailing the specific activities, dangers and proper clothing/equipment for each trip.

All efforts are made to ensure the safety and well-being of all students in all activities of the Wake Audubon Young Naturalist Program. Each Young Naturalist must obey safety instructions from trip leaders. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the program.

I, _____ (please print) have read and understood the information provided for participation in the Wake Audubon Young Naturalist Club for the 2009, and I am fully aware and accept the risks involved.

Signature of Young Naturalist

/ _____
Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

/ _____
Date