



Friends of St Nicholas Fields

Reg. Charity No 1068909

⌘ Nature Reserve ⌘ Environment Centre ⌘ Sustainability Projects

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has expressed a wish to volunteer with Get Eco! Get Active! a youth volunteer group at St Nicholas Fields, a nature reserve and environment centre located in York.

Sessions

Wednesday Sept 15th **4.30-6.30** Photography Workshops

Wednesday Sept 22nd **4.30-6.30** Photography Workshops

Wednesday Sept 29th **4.30-6pm** Making Interpretational Signs

Wednesday Oct 6th No Session

Saturday Oct 9th Hill Holt Wood Away Day (Limited places please book in advance)

Oct 13th **4.30-6pm** Practical Conservation

Oct 20th **4.30-6pm** Practical Conservation

Oct 27th **4.30-6pm** Volunteer Celebration

The practical conservation activities will take place on the nature reserve and may include bird/bat box making, tree planting and invasive species removal for example.

We ask that all young people wear appropriate clothing for the tasks which are:

- **Sturdy shoes/boots**
- **Long sleeve tops**
- **Full length trousers**

Safety is very important to us and we have taken the following measures to protect our volunteers:

- Our staff are **well trained in leading conservation** tasks with young people, have carried out **risk assessments** for each activity and will ensure adequate supervision to a ratio of 1:5.
- We have a **child protection policy** and staff working with young people have been **CRB checked** and **trained in child protection**.
- Each activity will begin with a **health and safety briefing and guidance in the use of hand tools**.

Please complete the parental consent form below and return to us when your child volunteers at the centre.

Complaints Procedure

Please feel free to discuss any issues you may have with the youth volunteer co-ordinators, Katie Rees or Jonathan Dent. If however you would like to speak to a third party please contact:

John Brierley, Project Manager, The Friends of St Nicholas Fields, York Environment Centre, Rawdon Avenue, YO10 3ST. Tel: 01904 411821

If you would like any further information about St Nicholas Fields or the conservation activities that take place here please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely

Katie Rees
14-16 Volunteer Co-ordinator

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

Details of child

Name(s).....

Date(s) of Birth

Current Age(s)

Emergency contact details

Parent/ Guardian

Address:.....

.....Postcode.....

Tel:

Mobile:

e-mail:

Does your child suffer from any medical conditions/allergies that the we should be aware of?.....

CONSENT (please read carefully)

- a. I agree to my son/daughter taking part in conservation activities which may include tree planting, weeding, bird/bat box making, removing invasive plant species, building dead hedges, mulching and path maintenance. I consent for my child to use the tools and equipment necessary to carry out the above activities.
- b. I confirm to the best of my knowledge that my son/ daughter does not suffer from any medical condition other than those listed above.
- c. I understand that the Friends of St Nicholas Fields accept no responsibility for loss, damage or injury caused by or during attendance on any of the organised activities except where such loss, damage or injury can be shown to result directly from the negligence of the Friends of St Nicholas Fields
- d. In an emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact me, but I consent to any medical treatment required.

Signed(Parent/ Guardian)

Name (Print).....

Date:

PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

The Friends of St Nicholas Fields may from time to time, use photographs taken during volunteering activities in their newsletters, on their web site and for publicity purposes.

I do / do not give permission for photographs to be taken of:

..... (Name of child)

Signed.....Print

Relationship to child